

MEDITERRANEAN DIET FOR 50+ AND SENIORS



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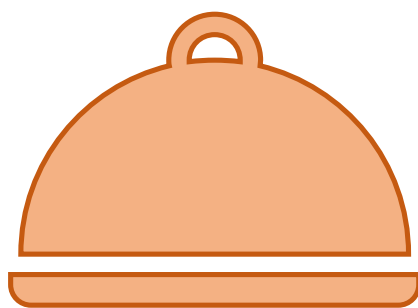
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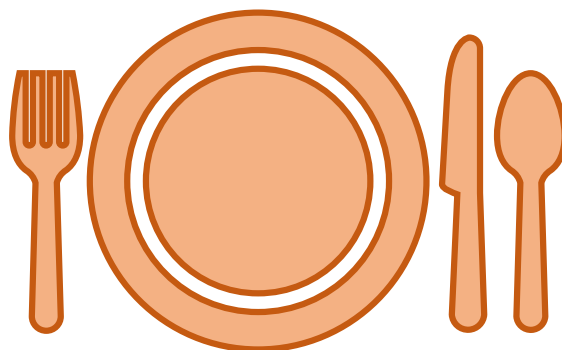
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Part 1: Introduction & Educational Content



1. Welcome & About This Book

Purpose of the Cookbook

As we age, our bodies and our nutritional needs change — but the joy of eating should remain. This cookbook is created specifically for **older adults**, with simple, nourishing recipes rooted in the **Mediterranean diet**, one of the most respected eating patterns in the world.

This book aims to:

- Make healthy eating enjoyable and easy
- Help manage common health concerns like heart issues, memory loss, diabetes, and joint pain
- Provide accessible tips for cooking safely and affordably
- Encourage better food choices without rigid diets

Benefits of the Mediterranean Diet for Seniors

According to trusted health resources like *Krause's Food & the Nutrition Care Process*, *The Encyclopedia of Natural Medicine*, and *Dietary Guidelines for Americans (2020–2025)*, the Mediterranean diet:

- Protects the **heart** and lowers blood pressure
- Supports **memory and cognitive function**
- Helps regulate **blood sugar** levels
- Reduces **inflammation** and supports joint and bone health
- Promotes **longevity** and enjoyment of food

This way of eating focuses on:

- Whole, natural ingredients
- Healthy fats like olive oil
- Fresh vegetables, fruits, legumes, whole grains, and fish
- Herbs and spices instead of salt

How to Use This Book

This cookbook is designed to be as simple, practical, and enjoyable as the Mediterranean lifestyle itself. You don't need to read it all at once — just use it as a friendly guide that supports your health and inspires delicious meals.

- **Start with the educational section** to understand the foundation of the Mediterranean diet and how it can support your health as you age – from improving memory to protecting your heart and bones.
- **Flip through the recipes** by category (breakfasts, main dishes, sides, and desserts). Each recipe includes clear directions, senior-specific nutrition tips, and serving sizes tailored to older adults.
- **Use the grocery lists and pantry guide** to stock up on essentials. You'll find affordable, easy-to-find ingredients that don't require complicated shopping or exotic stores.
- **Rely on the meal prep and storage tips** to make cooking safer and easier – especially if you live alone, cook for one or two people, or deal with fatigue, joint pain, or limited mobility.
- **Make it your own** – this is not a rigid diet plan. You can substitute ingredients based on what you like, can chew comfortably, or have available. Each recipe is flexible and forgiving.
- **Follow the 90-day meal plan** in Part 3 if you'd like a done-for-you structure. It offers a full rotation of balanced Mediterranean meals with options for variety and personalization.
- **Come back often** – whether you're planning a week of meals or just looking for a new breakfast idea, this book is meant to be used again and again.
- **Enjoy cooking and eating** – meals are more than nutrition. They're moments of comfort, creativity, and connection. Let this book help you rediscover joy in the kitchen, at your pace.



2. Key Principles

The Mediterranean diet isn't a temporary trend – it's a lifestyle rooted in the eating habits of people living in countries like Greece, Italy, and southern France. For generations, these communities have enjoyed better health and longer lives, not through restriction, but by enjoying flavorful, fresh foods in moderation.

This way of eating is gentle, flexible, and deeply nourishing – especially for older adults. It focuses on quality over quantity, and balance rather than perfection.

Here are the core principles that make up a Mediterranean-style diet:

- **Vegetables and fruits at every meal:** Brightly colored produce offers fiber, antioxidants, and hydration. Think tomatoes, spinach, oranges, and berries.
- **Whole grains** such as oats, brown rice, barley, bulgur, and whole wheat bread provide sustained energy and support digestion.
- **Legumes** like beans, lentils, and chickpeas are excellent sources of

protein, fiber, and key minerals such as magnesium and folate.

- **Healthy fats**, especially **extra virgin olive oil**, are rich in heart-protective monounsaturated fats and anti-inflammatory compounds.
- **Fish and seafood**, such as salmon, sardines, and mackerel, should appear on the menu at least twice a week – they are high in omega-3s and easy to digest.
- **Dairy in moderation**, mainly fermented options like yogurt and small portions of cheese, provide calcium, protein, and probiotics.

- **Herbs and spices** like oregano, basil, garlic, and cinnamon are used instead of excess salt to add flavor and health benefits.
- **Red wine in moderation** (optional): For those who drink alcohol, one small glass with a meal may support heart health. Always consult your doctor first.
- **Minimal red meat and sugary treats**: These foods are not forbidden, just reserved for special occasions or small portions.

This diet emphasizes eating *real food*, cooking at home, and enjoying meals with others – all of which support emotional well-being and healthy aging.



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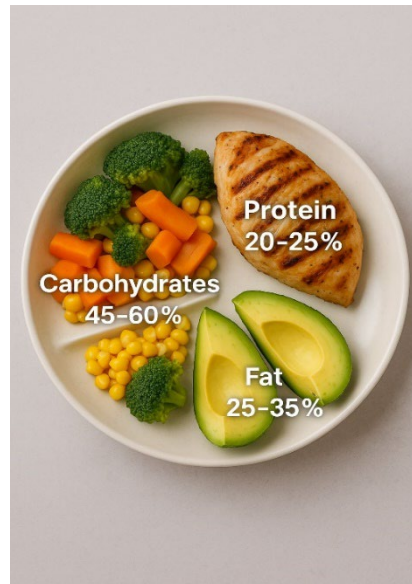
Macronutrient Balance

As we age, metabolism slows and nutritional needs change. Maintaining the right balance of macronutrients (carbohydrates, protein, and fat) is key to preventing muscle loss, maintaining energy, and reducing the risk of chronic illness.

Based on expert guidelines (*Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, Krause's, *The Encyclopedia of Natural Medicine*), here's the recommended macronutrient balance for most older adults:

- **Carbohydrates: 45–60% of daily calories**
 - Choose whole-food sources like vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and legumes.
 - Limit refined starches (white bread, pastries) and added sugars.
- **Proteins: 20–25% of daily calories**
 - Spread protein intake across all meals. Aim for 15–25 g of protein per meal.
- **Fats: 25–35% of daily calories**
 - Include soft and easy-to-digest sources: eggs, legumes, dairy, fish, poultry, and tofu.
 - Focus on healthy fats from olive oil, avocado, nuts, seeds, and fish.
 - Avoid trans fats and reduce saturated fats (found in fatty meats and processed foods).

This balanced approach helps preserve muscle mass, supports brain function, and keeps blood sugar levels stable.



Portion Sizes & Plate Method for Seniors

As appetite or energy changes with age, portion control and nutrient density become especially important. A simple and visual way to build balanced meals is by using the **plate method**:

Half the plate:

- Vegetables (steamed, roasted, raw, or pureed)
- Fresh fruits (chopped, stewed, or blended in smoothies)

One-quarter of the plate:

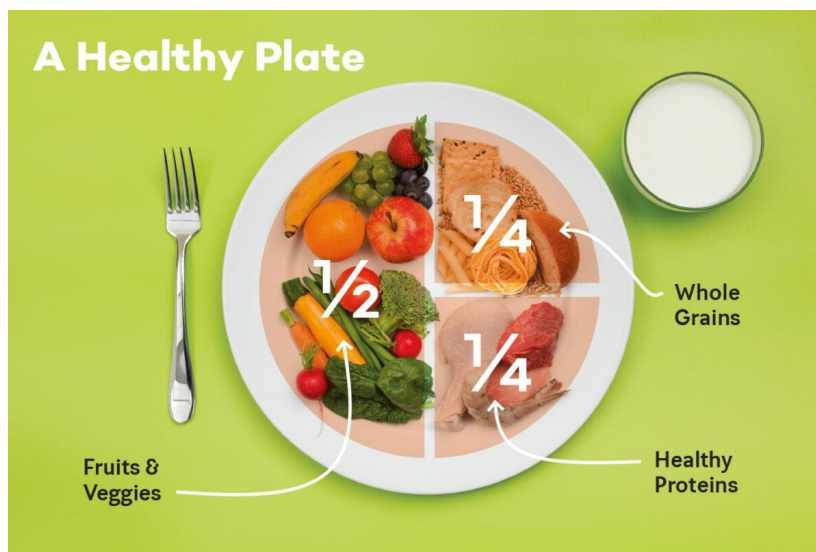
- Whole grains or starchy vegetables like sweet potatoes, quinoa, or whole wheat pasta
- Choose fiber-rich, low-glycemic options for stable energy

One-quarter of the plate:

- Protein: soft fish, cooked beans, eggs, poultry, or cheese
- Aim for variety across the week to meet all amino acid needs

Plus a drizzle:

- 1-2 teaspoons of olive oil or a few olives for healthy fats
- You can also add nuts or seeds for texture and extra nutrients



3. Health Benefits for Older Adults

1. Heart Health & Circulation

Heart disease is the leading cause of death among older adults – but it’s also highly preventable. The Mediterranean diet is rich in **heart-protective fats** like extra virgin olive oil, walnuts, and fatty fish (such as salmon and sardines). These foods help lower “bad” LDL cholesterol and raise “good” HDL cholesterol.

It also includes:

- Plenty of potassium from fruits and vegetables (helps regulate blood pressure)
- Minimal processed and salty foods (reduces hypertension)
- Antioxidants from herbs, greens, and citrus (protect blood vessels)

Studies show that people who follow the Mediterranean diet have **up to a 30% lower risk of**

2. Brain Health & Memory

As we age, it’s normal to become a bit more forgetful. But for many seniors, concerns about dementia and Alzheimer’s disease are real. Thankfully, diet can play a powerful role in protecting the brain.

The Mediterranean diet includes:

- **Omega-3s** from fish and flaxseeds to reduce brain inflammation
- **Vitamin E and B vitamins** to support mental clarity and mood
- **Polyphenols** from olive oil, berries, and green vegetables that protect brain cells

Research from *The Mediterranean Diet: History, Concepts and Elements* shows that older adults who eat this way maintain **better memory, language, and decision-making abilities** over time.

3. Blood Sugar Control & Energy Levels

With age, our bodies can become less sensitive to insulin, increasing the risk for type 2 diabetes. The Mediterranean diet helps stabilize blood sugar naturally by:

- Emphasizing **slow-digesting whole grains and legumes**
- Including plenty of fiber from fruits and vegetables
- Avoiding sugary drinks and processed snacks

This approach leads to **steady energy**, better weight control, and less stress on the pancreas. Seniors following the Mediterranean diet show significantly **lower blood sugar levels** and less risk of developing diabetes.

4. Bone Strength & Joint Health

Falls, fractures, and osteoporosis are common concerns with age. Fortunately, the Mediterranean diet is rich in nutrients that support strong bones and reduce inflammation in joints:

- Calcium and vitamin D from yogurt, leafy greens, and fish like sardines
- Magnesium and vitamin K from nuts, seeds, and legumes
- Anti-inflammatory fats that help reduce arthritis pain and swelling

Regularly eating these foods can help preserve mobility and independence well into older adulthood.

5. Muscle Support & Strength Maintenance

As we age, we naturally lose muscle — a condition called sarcopenia — which can lead to weakness, frailty, and falls. The Mediterranean diet includes moderate, high-quality protein from:

- Eggs
- Legumes (like lentils and chickpeas)
- Fish, poultry, and low-fat dairy

Small servings of protein spread throughout the day — such as a boiled egg at breakfast or beans in a soup — help maintain strength, balance, and mobility. When paired with light movement or exercise, these meals provide excellent support for active aging.

6. Digestive Comfort & Gut Health

Digestive issues like constipation or reduced appetite are common in later life. The Mediterranean diet naturally supports gut health with:

- Ample dietary fiber from whole grains, fruits, and vegetables
- Natural probiotics from plain yogurt and fermented cheeses
- Hydrating foods like soups, cucumbers, and herbal teas

Together, these foods promote regularity, reduce bloating, and support a healthy gut microbiome — which also plays a role in immunity and emotional health.

7. Reduced Inflammation & Chronic Disease Prevention

Inflammation is often invisible but plays a major role in age-related illnesses such as arthritis, heart disease, and even certain cancers. The Mediterranean diet offers anti-inflammatory protection through:

- Antioxidants found in herbs (like oregano and rosemary), berries, olive oil, and vegetables
- Omega-3 fatty acids from fish, nuts, and seeds
- A low-sugar, low-processed food pattern that keeps inflammation in check

This combination helps slow the aging process at the cellular level and enhances long-term vitality.

8. Mental Well-Being & Joyful Living

Eating well isn't only about nutrition — it's also about joy. The Mediterranean approach encourages:

- Sharing meals with others, which reduces loneliness
- Cooking as a creative, relaxing activity
- Flexibility — no strict dieting or counting, just moderation and enjoyment

This holistic view of food supports emotional balance, improves appetite, and makes meals a positive part of each day. For many seniors, it renews a sense of purpose and pleasure in daily life.



4. Shopping & Pantry Essentials

Mediterranean Pantry Checklist

Stock your kitchen with these essentials for quick, nutritious meals:

Whole Grains

- Brown rice
- Oats
- Quinoa
- Whole wheat bread or pasta

Protein

- Eggs
- Canned tuna or salmon
- Sardines
- Greek yogurt
- Dried or canned lentils, beans, chickpeas

Healthy Fats

- Extra virgin olive oil

- Walnuts, almonds
- Avocado

Vegetables and Fruits

- Leafy greens (spinach, kale)
- Onions, garlic, carrots
- Tomatoes (fresh or canned)
- Apples, bananas, oranges
- Berries (fresh or frozen)

Flavor & Spices

- Lemon, vinegar
- Oregano, thyme, cinnamon, turmeric, cumin
- Fresh or dried basil, parsley

Tips for Shopping on a Budget

1. Make a Plan

- Write down a few meals you'll make for the week.
- Make a grocery list based on these meals – and **stick to it**.
- Keep a running list on your fridge so you don't forget staples.

2. Shop for Seasonal Produce

- Seasonal fruits and vegetables are cheaper and fresher.
 - Winter: carrots, squash, cabbage
 - Spring: spinach, asparagus, strawberries
 - Summer: tomatoes, zucchini, peaches

- Fall: apples, sweet potatoes, beets
- Ask your grocer what's local and on sale.

3. Use Frozen and Canned Foods

- Frozen vegetables and fruits are picked at peak ripeness. They are just as nutritious and last longer.
- Canned beans and fish are inexpensive and protein-rich. Choose **low-sodium** versions and rinse under water before using.

4. Buy Store Brands and Bulk Staples

- Generic versions of oats, pasta, rice, beans, and yogurt are more affordable.
- Larger packages cost less per unit – but only buy what you'll use before it expires.

5. Look for Weekly Sales

- Review flyers from your local grocery stores.
- If salmon is on sale, plan a fish dinner that week.
- Use price comparison apps if you're comfortable with a smartphone.

6. Cook at Home More Often

- Even a simple bean soup costs much less than a restaurant meal and is healthier too.
- Batch cook and freeze leftovers in single-portion containers.

7. Avoid Processed Snacks

- Chips, cookies, and frozen meals may seem convenient, but they are pricey and offer little nutrition.

Reading Food Labels

1. Start with the Serving Size

- **Why it matters:** All nutrition info is based on the listed serving size.
- **Tip:** If you eat more than the serving size, multiply everything – calories, sodium, sugar, fats, etc.

Example: If a can of soup says 1 cup = 480 mg sodium and you eat 2 cups, you're getting 960 mg sodium – nearly half a day's worth for older adults!

2. 🍷 Check These Key Nutrients

Nutrient	What to Look For	Why It Matters
Sodium (salt)	🟢 Aim for <140 mg per serving (low)	Helps manage blood pressure and heart health
Fiber	🟢 Look for ≥3g per serving	Supports digestion, regularity, and blood sugar control
Added sugars	🔴 Keep as low as possible	Too much is linked to diabetes, inflammation, and weight gain
Saturated fat	🔴 Aim for ≤1-2g per serving	High levels can raise LDL (bad) cholesterol
Trans fat	🚫 Always 0g	Increases risk of heart disease
Calcium & Vitamin D	🟢 Look for ≥20% Daily Value	Supports bone health and fracture prevention

3. Read the Ingredient List Carefully

- Listed **from most to least** – the first 3 ingredients tell you the most about a product.
- Choose foods with:
 - Simple, recognizable ingredients (e.g., “whole oats,” “olive oil”)
 - Fewer than 10 total ingredients (when possible)
- Avoid:
 - Ingredients you can’t pronounce or that sound like chemicals

- Hidden sources of sugar: e.g., high-fructose corn syrup, maltodextrin, cane juice

4. Use the % Daily Value (%DV)

- 5% or less = Low
- 20% or more = High
- Use this to check nutrients that matter most:
 - Aim **high** in fiber, calcium, vitamin D, potassium
 - ⚠️ Aim **low** in sodium, saturated fat, and added sugars

Tip: Older adults need **more calcium and vitamin D**, but **less sodium and sugar** than younger adults.

5. Don't Fall for Sneaky Marketing

- **Ignore misleading claims** like:

- “All natural” – doesn't mean it's healthy

- “Light” – may still be high in sugar or salt
- “Made with whole grains” – may contain just a tiny amount

- **Flip the package** and read the **Nutrition Facts + ingredients** – they tell the real story.

Final Tips for Seniors:

- **Compare labels:** Even two similar soups or breads can differ greatly in sodium and sugar.
- **Buy low-sodium and unsweetened options** when available.
- **Track serving sizes** – large packages often contain multiple servings.



5. Safe & Simple Cooking for Seniors

Kitchen Safety Tips

- Use non-slip rugs and stable chairs in the kitchen
- Keep handles of pans turned inward
- Use timer alarms to avoid burning or forgetting food
- Sit down while chopping or stirring if needed

- Slow cookers or rice cookers
- Measuring cups with large, easy-to-read numbers

Food Storage Tips

- Store leftovers in clear, labeled containers
- Freeze extra soup, rice, or casseroles in small portions
- Use airtight containers for dry foods like oats and flour

Tools That Make Cooking Easier

- Electric can openers and peelers
- Lightweight, non-stick pans



6. Budget-Friendly Eating

Cost-Saving Ingredients

- Lentils, oats, rice, and beans are affordable and filling
- Canned fish (tuna, sardines) offers protein and omega-3s
- Frozen vegetables and fruits last longer and reduce waste
- Buy in bulk when possible, for staples

Sample Weekly Grocery List

Mediterranean Diet • Fresh-Focused • Includes Meats & Fish

Serves: 1-2 people • Budget: ~\$55-60/week

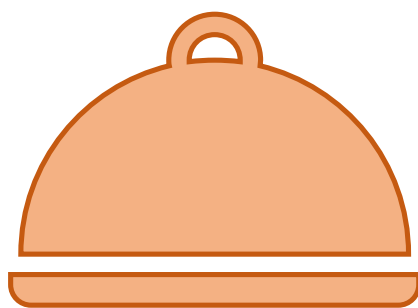
Item	Quantity	Est. Price (USD)
Brown rice or bulgur	1.5-2 lbs	\$2.50
Dry lentils or chickpeas	1 lb	\$1.50
Eggs	1 dozen	\$2.50
Fresh spinach or kale	1 bunch	\$2.50
Zucchini or eggplant	2-3 medium	\$2.50
Tomatoes (roma or cherry)	2 lbs	\$3.00
Cucumbers	2	\$2.00
Bell peppers	2	\$2.50
Red onion	1 lb	\$1.50
Garlic	1 bulb	\$1.00

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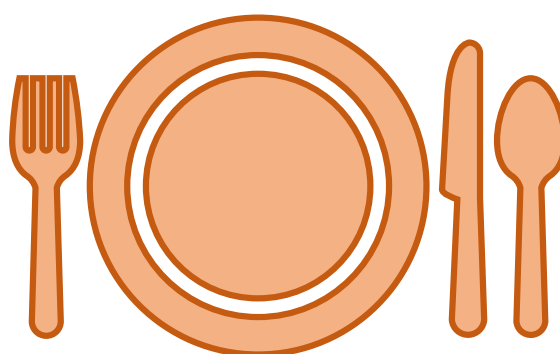
Item	Quantity	Est. Price (USD)
Lemons	2-3	\$1.50
Fresh herbs (parsley/mint)	1 bunch	\$1.50
Olive oil (extra virgin)	500 mL	\$6.00
Greek yogurt (plain)	1 tub (500-750g)	\$3.00
Feta cheese or mozzarella	150-200g	\$3.00
Chicken breast or thighs	~1 lb (boneless/skinless)	\$4.50-5.00
Fresh or frozen fish (e.g., mackerel, sardines, white fish)	~1 lb	\$5.00-6.00
Apples or oranges	3-4	\$2.50
Bananas	6	\$1.50
Spices (oregano, cumin, turmeric, paprika)	mixed	\$6.00

Estimated Total: \$55-60





Part 2: Recipes



2.1 Mediterranean Breakfasts (15 Recipes)

1. Avocado & Tomato Whole Grain Toast



Servings: 1

Ingredients: Avocado & Tomato Whole Grain Toast

Ingredients:

- 2 slices whole grain bread, toasted
- ½ ripe avocado
- 6 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 tsp extra virgin olive oil

2. Greek Yogurt with Berries & Walnuts

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1½ cups Greek yogurt (2%)
- 1 cup mixed berries
- 2 tbsp crushed walnuts
- 2 tsp honey
- Cinnamon (to taste)

- Dried oregano
- Salt and pepper (to taste)

Directions:

1. Toast the bread slices until golden.
2. Mash the avocado and spread over each toast.
3. Top with cherry tomatoes.
4. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with oregano.
5. Season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

Senior Tip: This breakfast is **soft, flavorful, and heart-healthy**, rich in **monounsaturated fats and antioxidants**. Tomatoes and olive oil support **cardiovascular and brain function**.

Nutrition Facts: 220 kcal per serving | 4g protein | 15g fat | 18g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Potassium, Folate, Vitamin E, Lycopene



Ingredients:

- 1½ cups Greek yogurt (2%)
- 1 cup mixed berries
- 2 tbsp crushed walnuts
- 2 tsp honey
- Cinnamon (to taste)

Directions:

1. Spoon the Greek yogurt evenly into two bowls.
2. Top each with half the berries and walnuts.
3. Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with cinnamon. Serve chilled.



3. Olive Oil Scrambled Eggs with Spinach



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup fresh spinach
- 2 tsp olive oil
- Salt and pepper (to taste)



Senior Tip: This dish is **soft, probiotic-rich, and brain-friendly**. Yogurt supports **gut health and calcium intake**, while walnuts provide **omega-3s** and berries add **antioxidants** for immune and cognitive support.

Nutrition Facts: 240 kcal | 13g protein | 10g fat | 23g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium, B12, Omega-3s, Vitamin C, Fiber

Directions:

1. Heat olive oil in a non-stick skillet over medium heat.
2. Add spinach and sauté for 1–2 minutes until wilted.
3. In a bowl, beat eggs. Pour into the skillet and stir gently to scramble.
4. Cook until eggs are just set. Season with salt and pepper. Serve warm.

Senior Tip: This protein-rich meal is **easy to chew and digest**, making it ideal for older adults. Eggs provide **choline, vitamin D, and high-quality protein** to support muscle and brain function.

Nutrition Facts: 200 kcal | 13g protein | 16g fat | 2g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Iron, Choline

4. Sweet Potato Hash with Goat Cheese



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 cup diced roasted sweet potato
- 2 tbsp goat cheese
- 2 tsp olive oil
- Fresh parsley (chopped, to taste)



5. Tahini Banana Toast



Servings: 2

Directions:

1. Roast diced sweet potatoes at 400°F (200°C) for 20–25 minutes until tender.
2. In a skillet, heat olive oil and sauté roasted sweet potatoes for 2–3 minutes.
3. Remove from heat and gently stir in goat cheese and fresh parsley.
4. Serve warm as a savory breakfast or side.

Senior Tip: This dish is **soft, flavorful, and easy to digest**. Sweet potatoes offer **beta-carotene and fiber**, while goat cheese adds **calcium** and a creamy texture without overwhelming salt.

Nutrition Facts: 210 kcal | 4g protein | 10g fat | 24g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin A, Calcium, Potassium, Vitamin C

Ingredients:

- 2 slices whole grain toast
- 2 tbsp tahini
- 1 banana, sliced
- Cinnamon (to taste)

Directions:

1. Toast the bread slices until golden.
2. Spread 1 tbsp tahini on each slice.
3. Top with banana slices and sprinkle with cinnamon.
4. Serve immediately as a sweet, satisfying breakfast or snack.

Senior Tip: This toast is **soft, nutrient-rich, and easy to chew**. Tahini provides **calcium and healthy fats**, while banana adds **potassium and vitamin B6**—supporting **blood pressure and brain health** in older adults.



Nutrition Facts: 230 kcal | 6g protein | 12g fat | 26g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium, Potassium, Magnesium, Vitamin B6

6. Barley & Blueberry Bowl



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cooked barley
- ½ cup fresh blueberries
- 2 tsp flaxseed oil
- Fresh mint leaves (for garnish)



7. Cottage Cheese with Olive Oil & Herbs

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 cup low-fat cottage cheese

Directions:

1. In a medium bowl, combine cooked barley and blueberries.
2. Drizzle with flaxseed oil and toss gently to combine.
3. Garnish with fresh mint leaves and serve chilled or at room temperature.

Senior Tip: This refreshing bowl supports digestion with **high fiber** from barley and promotes cognitive health thanks to **blueberries' polyphenols**. The **omega-3s** in flaxseed oil are anti-inflammatory and heart-friendly.

Nutrition Facts: Calories: 210 kcal | Protein: 5 g | Fat: 7 g | Carbs: 32 g

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin K • Manganese • Fiber (5g) • Omega-3s

- 2 tsp olive oil
- 2 tbs chopped parsley
- Black pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl.
2. Stir gently and serve chilled.



Senior Tip: This soft, high-protein dish is ideal for maintaining muscle mass in older adults. Olive oil adds heart-healthy fats, and parsley contributes antioxidants and freshness.

Nutrition Facts: Calories: 360 kcal | Protein: 28 g | Fat: 18 g | Carbs: 12 g

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium • Vitamin B12 • Phosphorus



8. Lentil & Tomato Stew



Directions:

1. In a saucepan, heat olive oil and sauté chopped tomato for 2–3 minutes.
2. Add lentils, cumin, and parsley.
3. Simmer for 5–10 minutes until warm and flavorful.

Senior Tip: Rich in fiber and plant-based iron, this soft stew supports digestive health and helps balance blood sugar levels—ideal for seniors with low appetite or inflammation.

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cooked lentils
- ½ cup chopped tomato
- 2 tsp olive oil
- ½ tsp ground cumin
- 1 tbsp chopped parsley



9. Ricotta with Grapes & Almonds

Servings: 2

Nutrition Facts: Calories: 210 kcal | Protein: 10 g | Fat: 6 g | Carbs: 27 g | Fiber: 6 g

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron, Folate, Vitamin C, Fiber

Ingredients:

- ½ cup ricotta
- ½ cup grapes

- 2 tsp slivered almonds
- Drizzle of honey



Directions:

1. Divide ricotta evenly into two small bowls.
2. Top each with grapes and slivered almonds.
3. Drizzle lightly with honey and serve chilled.

Senior Tip: Naturally sweet and easy to chew, this calcium-rich snack supports bone health with minimal sodium. Almonds and ricotta add gentle fats and protein for satiety.

Nutrition Facts: Calories: 190 kcal | Protein: 6 g | Fat: 10 g | Carbs: 15 g

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium • Vitamin D • Magnesium • Riboflavin



10. Tomato & Olive Bruschetta



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 slices whole grain baguette
- 4 tbsp diced tomato
- 4 olives, chopped
- 2 tsp olive oil
- Fresh basil leaves

Directions:

1. Toast baguette slices until crisp.
2. In a small bowl, mix diced tomato, olives, and olive oil.
3. Spoon mixture onto toast and garnish with fresh basil.

Senior Tip: This Mediterranean classic is rich in lycopene from tomatoes and heart-healthy monounsaturated fats from olives and olive oil. Crisp yet soft enough for easy chewing.

Nutrition Facts: Calories: 190 kcal | Protein: 5 g | Fat: 10 g | Carbs: 20 g | Fiber: 3 g

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C • Lycopene • Iron



11. Feta & Spinach Omelet



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup spinach
- 2 tbsp feta cheese
- 2 tsp olive oil



12. Hummus & Cucumber Pita Pocket



Servings: 2

Directions:

1. Beat the eggs in a bowl and set aside.
2. In a non-stick skillet, sauté spinach in olive oil until wilted.
3. Pour in eggs and cook over medium heat until set.
4. Sprinkle with feta, fold the omelet, and serve warm.

Senior Tip: This protein-packed breakfast supports memory, eye health, and bone strength with choline, vitamin A, and calcium.

Nutrition Facts (per serving): Calories: 195 kcal | Protein: 13 g | Fat: 15 g | Carbs: 2 g

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium • Vitamin A • Choline • Iron

Ingredients:

- 1 whole wheat pita
- 4 tbsp hummus
- ½ cup cucumber slices
- 2 tbsp crumbled feta

Directions:

1. Slice pita in half to create two pockets.
2. Fill each pocket with hummus, cucumber slices, and feta.
3. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

Senior Tip: This hydrating and fiber-rich snack is soft to chew, heart-friendly, and ideal for warm weather.

Nutrition Facts (per serving): Calories: 180 kcal | Protein: 6 g | Fat: 8 g | Carbs: 20 g

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron • Fiber • Vitamin K • Folate



13. Herb-Infused Oatmeal



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 cup oats
- 2 cups unsweetened almond milk
- 2 tsp olive oil
- Thyme and black pepper (to taste)

Directions:

1. In a saucepan, simmer oats in almond milk for 5–7 minutes until thick and creamy.
2. Stir in olive oil and herbs.
3. Divide into two bowls and serve warm.

Senior Tip: This savory oatmeal is gentle on digestion and calming for inflammation. Thyme provides flavor without extra salt, while olive oil delivers healthy fats for heart and brain health.

Nutrition Facts: Calories: 230 kcal | Protein: 5 g | Fat: 8 g | Carbs: 30 g

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium • Magnesium • Fiber • Vitamin E



14. Labneh with Zaatar & Cucumber

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 4 tbsp labneh
- 1 tsp zaatar
- 6 cucumber slices
- 2 whole grain crackers

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, mix labneh with zaatar until well combined.
2. Serve in two small plates, each with 3 cucumber slices and 1 cracker.



Senior Tip: A refreshing and probiotic-rich snack that supports digestion and bone health. Easy to chew and hydrating—ideal for seniors with reduced appetite.

Nutrition Facts: Calories: 160 kcal | Protein: 6 g | Fat: 10 g | Carbs: 10 g

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium • Probiotics • Sodium (moderate) • Vitamin K



15. Chickpea Mediterranean Bowl



- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Lemon juice, oregano to taste

Directions:

1. In a bowl, combine chickpeas, cucumber, tomatoes, and feta.
2. Drizzle with olive oil and lemon juice. Sprinkle with oregano and toss gently.
3. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

Senior Tip: A refreshing and fiber-rich dish that supports heart health and digestion. Easy to prepare and chew, ideal for light meals or snacks.

Nutrition Facts: Calories: 280 kcal | Protein: 9 g | Fat: 17 g | Carbs: 22 g

Key Vitamins & Minerals (per serving): Folate • Iron • Vitamin C • Calcium

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cooked chickpeas
- ½ cup diced cucumber
- ½ cup halved cherry tomatoes
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese



2.2 Main Dishes – Fish-Based (15 Recipes)

1. Grilled Salmon with Herbed Quinoa



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 salmon fillets (100g each)
- ½ cup dry quinoa (yields about 1½ cups cooked)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Juice of ½ lemon
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley and dill
- Salt and pepper (to taste)

Directions:

2. Sardine Pasta with Lemon & Capers

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 can sardines in olive oil (about 100g)

1. Rinse quinoa under cold water and cook in 1 cup water according to package directions (about 12–15 minutes).
2. Once cooked, let quinoa cool slightly. Stir in olive oil, lemon juice, chopped herbs, salt, and pepper.
3. Preheat a grill or skillet. Season salmon lightly and grill for 4–5 minutes per side until opaque and flaky.
4. Serve salmon over a bed of herbed quinoa.

Senior Tip: This dish is rich in anti-inflammatory omega-3s, with a soft texture that's easy to chew. Quinoa adds plant-based protein and fiber to support digestion and heart health in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 470 kcal | 32g protein | 22g fat | 30g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Omega-3s, B12, Iron, Magnesium, Vitamin D



- 120g whole grain spaghetti (dry weight)
- 1 tbsp capers
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- Zest and juice of ½ lemon
- 1 tbsp olive oil



Directions:

1. Cook the spaghetti according to package instructions. Drain and set aside.
2. In a skillet, heat olive oil over medium. Add minced garlic and sauté for 1 minute.

3. Add sardines (with some oil from the can) and capers. Cook for 2–3 minutes, breaking up the sardines.
4. Add cooked pasta, lemon zest, and juice to the skillet. Toss well to combine.
5. Serve warm, garnished with fresh parsley if desired.

Senior Tip: Sardines are soft and easy to chew, rich in calcium (from edible bones) and omega-3 fatty acids, supporting bone health and brain function in older adults. Whole grain pasta adds fiber for digestion.

Nutrition Facts: 480 kcal | 26g protein | 20g fat | 45g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Omega-3s, Calcium, B12, Vitamin D, Iron



5. Bake uncovered for 15–18 minutes, or until the cod flakes easily with a fork.

3. Baked Cod with Tomatoes & Olives

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 cod fillets (100g each)
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 6 olives, sliced (black or green)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Oregano, salt, pepper (to taste)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. Place cod fillets in a baking dish.
3. Top with halved cherry tomatoes, sliced olives, oregano, salt, and pepper.
4. Drizzle olive oil over the top.



Senior Tip: Cod is a lean, mild-flavored fish that's gentle on digestion and rich in high-quality protein. Tomatoes add

lycopene, an antioxidant that supports heart and immune health in aging adults.

Nutrition Facts: 290 kcal | 28g protein | 14g fat | 8g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: B12, Potassium, Selenium, Lycopene



4. Tuna & White Bean Salad



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 can tuna (*in water or olive oil, drained – ~120g*)
- 1 cup canned white beans (*e.g., cannellini or navy beans*), rinsed and drained
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- Chopped parsley (to taste)

- Black pepper (to taste)

Directions:

1. In a bowl, combine drained tuna, white beans, olive oil, lemon juice, parsley, and black pepper.
2. Mix gently until evenly coated.
3. Chill for 15–20 minutes before serving. Serve on its own or over a bed of greens.

Senior Tip: This dish is **no-cook, soft in texture**, and provides a powerful mix of **lean protein, fiber, and healthy fats**, ideal for seniors with lower energy needs but higher nutrient requirements.

Nutrition Facts: 330 kcal | 25g protein | 14g fat | 20g carbs | 6g fiber

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron, Omega-3s, Folate, Potassium



5. Mediterranean Mackerel & Couscous Bowl

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 smoked mackerel fillet, flaked

- ½ cup couscous
- ½ cup boiling water
- ¼ cup diced cucumber
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Zest of ½ lemon
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh mint (*or ½ tsp dried mint*)

- Optional: pinch of black pepper or chili flakes



3. Stir in diced cucumber, olive oil, lemon zest, and chopped mint. Mix well to combine.
4. Season with black pepper or chili flakes, if desired.
5. Flake the smoked mackerel with a fork and place it on top of the couscous mixture.
6. Serve immediately or refrigerate and enjoy chilled.

Senior Tip: Mackerel is soft, flavorful, and rich in omega-3s and B12—perfect for aging adults needing brain and heart support without chewing difficulty.

Directions:

1. In a bowl, pour ½ cup boiling water over the couscous. Cover and let sit for 5 minutes until all water is absorbed.
2. Fluff the couscous gently with a fork to separate the grains.

Nutrition Facts: 376 kcal | 21g protein | 20g fat | 23g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: B12, Selenium, Omega-3s



6. Salmon & Chickpea Patties



- 1 small cooked salmon fillet, flaked (about 100–120g)
- ½ cup mashed chickpeas (canned or cooked)
- 1 tbsp whole wheat breadcrumbs
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp chopped herbs (parsley or dill)
- 1 tbsp olive oil (for pan-frying)

Directions:

1. In a bowl, combine flaked salmon, mashed chickpeas, breadcrumbs, egg, and herbs.
2. Mix well and shape into 4 small patties.
3. Heat olive oil in a non-stick pan over medium heat.

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

4. Cook patties 3–4 minutes per side until golden and firm.

Senior Tip: These patties are soft and easy to chew. They freeze well—great for prepping healthy meals in advance for older adults.

7. Baked Trout with Lemon & Herbs



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 small trout fillets
- 4–6 lemon slices
- Fresh thyme or dill (2–3 sprigs or 1 tbsp chopped)
- 1 tbsp olive oil

8. Anchovy & Tomato Flatbread

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 small trout fillets
- 4–6 lemon slices
- Fresh thyme or dill (2–3 sprigs or 1 tbsp chopped)
- 1 tbsp olive oil

Nutrition Facts: 360 kcal | 22g protein | 16g fat | 20g carbs | 4g fiber

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Iron, Omega-3s, Folate



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. Place each trout fillet on a piece of foil.
3. Top with lemon slices and fresh herbs.
4. Drizzle with olive oil, wrap the foil, and seal tightly.
5. Bake for 15–18 minutes until fish flakes easily.

Senior Tip: Trout is soft, mild, and packed with **essential omega-3 fats** that support **memory, joint health, and inflammation control** in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 240 kcal | 20g protein | 17g fat | 0g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Omega-3s, B12, Selenium, Vitamin D



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. Place each trout fillet on a piece of foil.
3. Top with lemon slices and fresh herbs.
4. Drizzle with olive oil, wrap the foil, and seal tightly.
5. Bake for 15–18 minutes until fish flakes easily.

Senior Tip: Trout is soft, mild, and packed with **essential omega-3 fats** that support **memory, joint health,** and **inflammation control** in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 340 kcal | 30g protein | 20g fat | 2g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium, Iron, Omega-3s



Directions:

1. In a medium pot or tagine, heat olive oil over medium heat.
2. Add sliced onion and cook for 3–4 minutes until soft and translucent.
3. Stir in cumin, coriander, and turmeric; cook for 1 minute until fragrant.
4. Add zucchini and bell pepper, and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Gently place the fish fillets on top of the vegetables.
6. Pour in ½ cup of water, cover with a lid, and reduce heat to low.
7. Simmer gently for 15–20 minutes, or until the fish is cooked through and flakes easily with a fork.
8. Serve warm with whole grains like couscous or brown rice if desired.

Senior Tip: Soft-cooked fish and vegetables are easy to chew. Spices like turmeric and coriander help with **digestion and joint health,** supporting healthy aging.

Nutrition Facts: 320 kcal | 28g protein | 14g fat | 12g carbs

9. Fish Tagine with Vegetables



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 white fish fillets (e.g., cod, haddock, or tilapia)
- ½ zucchini, sliced
- ½ bell pepper, chopped
- ½ onion, sliced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp ground cumin
- ½ tsp ground coriander
- ¼ tsp turmeric
- ½ cup water

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C, Omega-3s, Potassium, Fiber



10. Tuna-Stuffed Peppers



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 large bell pepper, halved and seeds removed
- 1 can tuna in water (drained, ~120g)
- 1 tbsp plain yogurt
- ½ tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp capers
- 1 tsp chopped fresh dill (or ¼ tsp dried dill)

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, combine drained tuna, yogurt, olive oil, capers, and dill. Mix well until the filling is creamy and evenly blended.
2. If desired, lightly roast the bell pepper halves in the oven at 375°F (190°C) for 10 minutes to soften slightly. Let cool.
3. Spoon the tuna mixture into each pepper half, dividing evenly.
4. Serve cold or at room temperature as a light lunch or appetizer.

Senior Tip: This chilled dish is **easy to chew, high in protein**, and refreshing—ideal for seniors needing nutrient-dense, no-cook options during warmer months.

Nutrition Facts: 230 kcal | 22g protein | 11g fat | 6g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C, B12, Omega-3s, Potassium

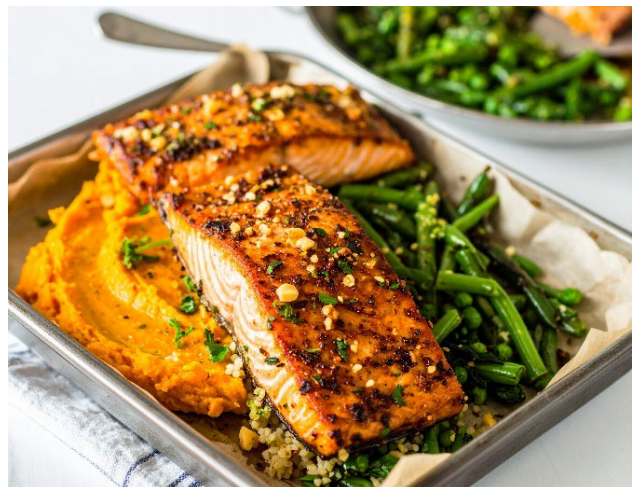


11. Baked Salmon with Sweet Potato Mash

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 salmon fillets
- 1 medium sweet potato
- 1 tsp olive oil
- Paprika, garlic



Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. Season the salmon with paprika and garlic.
3. Place salmon on a baking tray and bake for 15 minutes.
4. Peel and cut the sweet potato into chunks.
5. Boil the sweet potato in water until soft (about 15 minutes).
6. Drain and mash with olive oil until smooth.
7. Let salmon cool for a few minutes, then serve with the mash.

8. Add a small side of cooked green beans or steamed broccoli for extra fiber.

Senior Tip: Soft, anti-inflammatory, and gut-friendly.

Nutrition Facts: 460 kcal | 30g protein | 20g fat | 30g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin A, Potassium, Omega-3s



12. Mediterranean Fish Soup



- Fresh parsley (chopped, for garnish)
- A pinch of salt and pepper (optional)

Directions:

1. In a medium pot, heat olive oil over low heat.
2. Add chopped onion and minced garlic. Sauté gently for 2–3 minutes until softened.
3. Stir in diced tomato and cook for another 2 minutes.
4. Pour in the water and bring the mixture to a gentle boil.
5. Add the white fish pieces to the pot.
6. Reduce heat and let it simmer uncovered for 20 minutes.
7. Stir occasionally and break fish into small flakes as it cooks.
8. Once cooked, sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve warm with a slice of whole grain bread if desired.

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 cup white fish pieces (like cod or haddock)
- ½ cup diced tomato
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 cups water
- 1 tbsp olive oil

Senior Tip: This light soup is **hydrating, easy to digest**, and gentle on the stomach—ideal for seniors with reduced

appetite or chewing difficulty. The warm broth supports hydration and digestion, while fish adds lean protein and omega-3s.

Nutrition Facts: 220 kcal | 20g protein | 10g fat | 8g carbs

13. Sardine & Avocado Bowl



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 cans sardines (in olive oil or water), drained
- ½ avocado, diced
- ½ cup cooked brown rice
- 2 tsp fresh lemon juice
- Pinch of black pepper (optional)

14. Grilled Fish Skewers with Bell Peppers

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 white fish fillet (approx. 200g), cubed
- ½ bell pepper, cut into chunks
- 1 tbsp olive oil

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C, Potassium, Iodine



Directions:

1. In a medium bowl, place the drained sardines and gently break them into bite-sized chunks.
2. Add the diced avocado and cooked brown rice.
3. Drizzle with lemon juice and add black pepper if desired.
4. Toss gently to combine, being careful not to mash the avocado.
5. Serve cold or at room temperature.

Senior Tip: A no-cook meal rich in brain-boosting omega-3s and easy-to-digest fiber—great for low-effort, high-nutrition lunches.

Nutrition Facts (Per Serving): 360 kcal | 18g protein | 20g fat | 25g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Omega-3s, Vitamin B12, Potassium, Vitamin D



- Juice of ½ lemon
- ½ tsp dried oregano
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- Optional: metal or wooden skewers (soaked if wooden)



Directions:

1. In a bowl, toss fish cubes and bell pepper with olive oil, oregano, salt, and pepper.
2. Thread the fish and bell pepper alternately onto skewers.
3. Grill or pan-fry the skewers over medium heat for 8-10 minutes,

15. Eggplant & Anchovy Casserole



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 cup sliced eggplant (*about 100g*)

turning occasionally, until fish is cooked through and lightly browned.

4. Squeeze lemon juice over the skewers before serving.
5. Serve warm with a side of whole grains or salad if desired.

Senior Tip: Soft texture makes it easy to chew, the skewers add visual appeal, and the portioned format helps with mindful eating.

Nutrition Facts: 300 kcal | 24g protein | 12g fat | 10g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C, Selenium, B3



- 3 anchovy fillets in olive oil (*about 15g total*)
- ¼ cup tomato sauce (*low-sodium, plain or seasoned*)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Fresh or dried basil (to taste)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. In a small baking dish, layer sliced eggplant, anchovy fillets, and tomato sauce.
3. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with basil.
4. Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes, until eggplant is soft and flavors have melded.
5. Serve warm as a side or light main dish.

Senior Tip: Anchovies provide a savory, salty flavor that enhances the **soft**

texture of baked eggplant. This dish is rich in **healthy fats** and **umami taste**, stimulating appetite and offering omega-3s in a small, easy-to-chew portion.

Nutrition Facts: 180 kcal | 5g protein | 15g fat | 6g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin A, Potassium, Omega-3s, Iron



2.3 Main Dishes – Poultry-Based (15 Recipes)

1. Lemon-Herb Chicken with Lentils



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 skinless chicken thighs (*about 100–120g each*)
- ½ cup dry green lentils (*yields ~1¼ cups cooked*)
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Juice of ½ lemon
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- Salt and pepper (to taste)

Directions:

2. Mediterranean Chicken Stew

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 200g chicken breast, cubed (*about 100g per serving*)

1. Cook lentils in water over medium heat for about 20 minutes or until tender. Drain and set aside.
2. In a skillet, heat olive oil and sauté garlic for 1 minute.
3. Add chicken thighs and season with oregano, salt, and pepper.
4. Sear both sides until golden (about 4–5 minutes per side).
5. Add lemon juice and ¼ cup water. Cover and simmer on low heat for 20 minutes until fully cooked.
6. Serve chicken over warm lentils.

Senior Tip: This dish combines **lean protein from chicken** with **high-fiber lentils**, both of which support **muscle maintenance** and **digestive health**. It's easy to chew and balanced for sustained energy in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 430 kcal | 34g protein | 18g fat | 26g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron, B6, Folate, Zinc, Potassium



- ½ onion, chopped
- ½ bell pepper, chopped
- 1 cup diced tomatoes (*canned or fresh*)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp ground cumin
- ½ tsp ground coriander
- Fresh parsley (for garnish)



Directions:

1. In a saucepan, heat olive oil over medium heat. Sauté chopped onion and bell pepper for 3–4 minutes until softened.
2. Add cubed chicken breast and sprinkle with cumin and coriander. Stir and cook for 4–5 minutes to brown lightly.

3. Stir in diced tomatoes. Cover and let simmer on low heat for 20 minutes, until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are tender.
4. Garnish with chopped fresh parsley and serve warm.

Senior Tip: This dish is **warm, hydrating, and easy to chew**. The soft vegetables and lean chicken provide **complete protein** and antioxidants, making it ideal for seniors with lower appetite or digestive sensitivity.

Nutrition Facts: 320 kcal | 30g protein | 14g fat | 14g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C, Iron, Potassium, B6



3. Chicken & Chickpea Tagine



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 skinless chicken drumsticks (*about 100g each*)
- ½ cup canned chickpeas, rinsed
- ½ zucchini, sliced
- ¼ cup onion, chopped
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp each turmeric, cumin, and cinnamon
- ½ cup water

Directions:

1. In a pot or tagine, heat olive oil and sauté chopped onion with turmeric, cumin, and cinnamon for 1–2 minutes until fragrant.
2. Add chicken drumsticks and brown on all sides for 5–6 minutes.
3. Stir in zucchini, chickpeas, and water.

4. Cover and simmer on low heat for 30 minutes until chicken is tender and cooked through.
5. Serve warm, optionally with whole grains like couscous or brown rice.

Senior Tip: This hearty dish is rich in warming anti-inflammatory spices like turmeric and cinnamon. Soft textures make it gentle on digestion and easy to chew, while chickpeas support joint and

4. Chicken with Roasted Vegetables



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 120g each)
- 1 cup chopped mixed vegetables (eggplant, zucchini, bell pepper)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp dried rosemary
- Salt and pepper (to taste)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).

muscle health with fiber and plant protein.

Nutrition Facts: 390 kcal | 28g protein | 18g fat | 22g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron, Zinc, Magnesium, Fiber, B6



2. In a bowl, toss chopped vegetables with olive oil, rosemary, salt, and pepper.
3. Spread vegetables in a baking dish. Place chicken breasts on top.
4. Bake uncovered for 25 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are tender.
5. Let rest for a few minutes before serving.

Senior Tip: The roasted vegetables become soft and flavorful, making them easy to chew. Rosemary may support cognitive health, and the balanced dish provides lean protein and antioxidants for older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 350 kcal | 33g protein | 16g fat | 12g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C, B6, Potassium, Antioxidant



5. Orzo Chicken Bowl with Spinach & Lemon



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 150g cooked shredded chicken (about $\frac{3}{4}$ cup)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dry orzo pasta (yields ~1 cup cooked)
- 1 cup baby spinach
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Zest and juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon
- Pepper and oregano (to taste)

6. Chicken with Olive & Tomato Tapenade



Directions:

1. Cook orzo according to package instructions. Drain and set aside.
2. In a skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Sauté spinach until wilted (1–2 minutes).
3. Add shredded chicken and cooked orzo. Stir well to combine and heat through.
4. Stir in lemon juice, zest, oregano, and black pepper. Serve warm.

Senior Tip: This dish is **soft, warming, and easy to chew**. It provides **lean protein, vitamin K, and calcium-supportive nutrients**, making it a great choice for **bone health** in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 390 kcal | 28g protein | 14g fat | 30g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin K, B6, Iron, Calcium, Magnesium



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 skinless chicken breasts (about 120g each)
- 6 olives, chopped (black or green)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Fresh or dried basil (to taste)

Directions:

1. In a skillet, heat olive oil and sear chicken breasts for 4–5 minutes

per side until golden. Remove and set aside.

2. In the same pan, sauté garlic for 1 minute. Add cherry tomatoes and olives. Cook for 2–3 minutes.
3. Return chicken to the pan, sprinkle with basil, cover, and simmer for 10 minutes until fully cooked.
4. Serve warm, spooning the olive-tomato mixture over the chicken.

Senior Tip: This dish is **fragrant, soft in texture**, and rich in **heart-healthy fats**

7. Grilled Chicken with Hummus & Cucumber Salad



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 chicken cutlets (about 100g each)
- ½ cup hummus (about 120g total)
- ½ cucumber, diced
- ½ tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp lemon juice

from olives and olive oil. Tomatoes add **antioxidants** like lycopene, supporting **cardiovascular health** in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 370 kcal | 33g protein | 18g fat | 8g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Lycopene, B6, Potassium, Omega-9s



- Fresh mint (chopped, to taste)

Directions:

1. Grill chicken cutlets over medium heat for 4–5 minutes per side, or until fully cooked.
2. In a small bowl, mix diced cucumber, mint, olive oil, and lemon juice to make the salad.
3. Plate each serving with a grilled chicken cutlet, ¼ cup hummus, and half the cucumber salad.

Senior Tip: This meal is **cooling, hydrating, and easy to chew**. The combination of **lean protein, fiber, and healthy fats** helps with **blood sugar balance, digestion, and satiety** in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 400 kcal | 30g protein | 18g fat | 20g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron, B6, Fiber, Potassium, Vitamin C



8. One-Pot Chicken & Bulgur Pilaf



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 chicken breast, diced (*about 150g*)
- ½ cup bulgur wheat (*dry*)
- ½ onion, chopped
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp paprika
- Fresh parsley (chopped, for garnish)

Directions:

1. In a medium pot, heat olive oil over medium heat. Sauté chopped onion for 2–3 minutes until soft.
2. Add diced chicken and cook until lightly browned on all sides.
3. Stir in bulgur, paprika, and 1 cup water.
4. Bring to a gentle boil, reduce heat, cover, and simmer for about 15 minutes or until bulgur is tender and water is absorbed.
5. Fluff gently with a fork and garnish with parsley. Serve warm.

Senior Tip: Bulgur is a **soft, fiber-rich whole grain** that's quick to cook and **easy to digest**, making it ideal for seniors. The combination with lean chicken provides **balanced protein and energy** for muscle and metabolic support.

Nutrition Facts: 390 kcal | 28g protein | 14g fat | 32g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: B6, Iron, Fiber, Magnesium



9. Chicken with Artichokes & Lemon Sauce



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 chicken thighs (*skinless, about 100–120g each*)
- ½ cup canned artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Fresh or dried dill (to taste)

Directions:

1. In a skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add chicken thighs and sauté for 4–5 minutes per side until lightly browned.
2. Add minced garlic and stir for 1 minute until fragrant.
3. Add artichokes and lemon juice. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for 15–20 minutes until chicken is fully cooked and tender.
4. Sprinkle with dill before serving. Serve warm.

detoxification and digestion. The **soft textures** and tangy lemon flavor make this dish both gentle and stimulating for aging taste buds.

Nutrition Facts: 350 kcal | 27g protein | 18g fat | 10g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C, Fiber, Magnesium, Potassium



Senior Tip: Artichokes are rich in prebiotic fiber and support liver

10. Chicken Stuffed Eggplant Boats



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 medium eggplant, halved lengthwise
- 150g ground chicken
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- ½ tsp dried oregano
- 1 tbsp olive oil (*divided*)
- Salt and pepper (optional)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. Scoop out the flesh of the eggplant, leaving a ½-inch border. Lightly brush the inside of the eggplant halves with olive oil and place on a baking tray.
3. Bake the eggplant halves for 15 minutes until slightly softened.
4. Meanwhile, chop the scooped eggplant flesh and sauté it in a skillet with ½ tbsp olive oil. Add ground chicken, tomato paste, oregano, salt, and pepper. Cook for 8–10 minutes until chicken is fully cooked and mixture is well combined.
5. Fill the baked eggplant shells with the chicken mixture.
6. Return to the oven and bake for an additional 10 minutes.
7. Serve warm, optionally garnished with fresh herbs.

Senior Tip: This meal is **fiber-rich and blood sugar-friendly**, thanks to eggplant's **low glycemic load** and the protein-packed

filling. It's a hearty, soft-textured option that's easy to chew and satisfying.

Nutrition Facts: 320 kcal | 25g protein | 16g fat | 14g carbs

11 Chicken & Farro Bowl with Roasted Veggies



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cooked farro (*from* ~½ cup dry)
- 200g grilled chicken breast, sliced
- ½ cup diced roasted carrots and zucchini
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Juice of ½ lemon
- Chopped parsley (to garnish)

12. Mediterranean Chicken-Stuffed Peppers

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Potassium, B6, Iron



Directions:

1. Cook farro according to package instructions. Fluff and set aside.
2. Toss carrots and zucchini with olive oil. Roast at 400°F (200°C) for 20 minutes until soft and golden.
3. Slice grilled chicken and combine with cooked farro and roasted vegetables.
4. Drizzle with lemon juice and garnish with parsley. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Senior Tip: Farro provides **magnesium and fiber**, supporting **digestive and bone health**. Roasted vegetables become soft and easy to chew—ideal for older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 430 kcal | 35g protein | 14g fat | 35g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Magnesium, B6, Fiber, Potassium, Iron



- 2 medium bell peppers, halved and cleaned
- 150g ground chicken
- ½ cup cooked quinoa
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tsp olive oil
- Basil and oregano (to taste)



Directions:

1. In a skillet, heat olive oil and sauté garlic for 1 minute.
2. Add ground chicken and cook until browned.
3. Stir in cooked quinoa, tomato paste, basil, and oregano. Mix well.

13. Chicken & Olive Pita Pockets



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 small whole wheat pitas
- 150g shredded cooked chicken
- 6 chopped Kalamata olives
- ¼ cup diced cucumber
- 2 tbsp plain Greek yogurt

4. Fill bell pepper halves with the chicken mixture and place in a baking dish.
5. Bake at 375°F (190°C) for 25 minutes, until peppers are soft and tops are lightly golden.

Senior Tip: This meal combines a **soft texture** with **immune-supporting nutrients** from bell peppers. It's high in **protein, fiber, and antioxidants**, perfect for older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 360 kcal | 28g protein | 12g fat | 28g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C, Iron, Fiber, Zinc, B6



- Juice of ½ lemon

Directions:

1. In a bowl, combine shredded chicken, chopped olives, cucumber, Greek yogurt, and lemon juice. Mix well.
2. Gently open each pita and fill with half the mixture.
3. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

Senior Tip: These pita pockets are **easy to hold and chew**, making them ideal for older adults. Greek yogurt adds **creamy texture and probiotics** to support **gut health**.

Nutrition Facts: 400 kcal | 30g protein | 14g fat | 32g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: B12, Fiber, Calcium, Potassium, Probiotics

14. Chicken Zucchini Bake with Feta



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 medium zucchini, thinly sliced
- 200g cooked diced chicken
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Dried thyme and oregano (to taste)

15. Chicken & Lentil Soup with Spinach



Servings: 2

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. In a small baking dish, layer sliced zucchini and diced chicken.
3. Sprinkle with crumbled feta, drizzle with olive oil, and season with thyme and oregano.
4. Bake uncovered for 20 minutes, or until zucchini is soft and cheese is slightly golden.

Senior Tip: Baking softens the zucchini, making it easier to chew. Feta cheese provides **rich flavor with less sodium** and contributes **calcium** for bone health in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 360 kcal | 30g protein | 20g fat | 8g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium, B12, Zinc, Vitamin A, Potassium



Ingredients:

- 150g chicken breast, cubed
- ½ cup dry red lentils
- 1 cup baby spinach
- ½ onion, chopped
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp turmeric
- Pinch of black pepper

Directions:

1. In a pot, heat olive oil over medium heat. Sauté chopped onion for 2–3 minutes.
2. Add chicken cubes, red lentils, turmeric, black pepper, and 2 cups water.

3. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 25 minutes until chicken is cooked and lentils are soft.
4. Stir in baby spinach and cook for another 5 minutes. Serve warm.

Senior Tip: This soup is **warm, soft-textured, and easy to swallow**, offering

lean protein, anti-inflammatory turmeric, and iron-rich lentils to support **joint and immune health** in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 370 kcal | 32g protein | 12g fat | 25g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron, Folate, Vitamin A, Magnesium, Zinc



2.4 Main Dishes – Vegetarian (15 Recipes)

1. Stuffed Bell Peppers with Lentils & Brown Rice



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 large red bell peppers, halved and deseeded
- ½ cup cooked brown rice
- ½ cup cooked green lentils
- ¼ cup diced tomatoes
- 1 tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Salt, pepper, cumin (to taste)

2. Eggplant & Chickpea Stew

Servings: 2

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. In a bowl, mix brown rice, lentils, diced tomatoes, parsley, olive oil, salt, pepper, and cumin.
3. Fill each bell pepper half with the mixture and place in a baking dish.
4. Bake for 25–30 minutes until peppers are soft and slightly golden.

Senior Tip: Use pre-roasted or very soft peppers if chewing is a concern. This dish is high in fiber, aiding digestion and heart health, while lentils and brown rice offer a plant-based protein boost.

Nutrition Facts: 220 kcal | 7g protein | 8g fat | 33g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C, Folate, Fiber, Potassium, Iron



Ingredients:

- 1 medium eggplant, cubed
- ½ can chickpeas, rinsed (*about ½ cup or 125g*)
- ½ cup diced tomatoes
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp each cumin, paprika, oregano

Directions:

1. In a skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Sauté garlic for 1 minute.
2. Add cubed eggplant and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Stir in diced tomatoes, chickpeas, cumin, paprika, and oregano.

4. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes, until eggplant is tender and stew thickens.
5. Serve warm, optionally with a slice of whole grain bread.

Senior Tip: This stew is **soft, flavorful, and high in fiber**—ideal for gentle digestion. Chickpeas provide **plant-based protein**, and the spices support **anti-inflammatory benefits** for joints and immune health.

Nutrition Facts: 250 kcal | 6g protein | 12g fat | 28g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Iron, Magnesium, Potassium, Vitamin C



- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh mint
- Juice of ½ lemon

3. Mediterranean Veggie Couscous Bowl



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ cup whole wheat couscous (*dry*)
- 1 small zucchini, diced
- ¼ cup chopped red bell pepper

Directions:

1. Place couscous in a bowl and pour ½ cup boiling water over it. Cover and let sit for 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork.
2. In a skillet, heat olive oil and sauté zucchini and bell pepper for 4–5 minutes until tender.
3. Combine fluffed couscous with sautéed vegetables, lemon juice, olive oil, and mint.
4. Serve warm or chilled as a light meal or side dish.

Senior Tip: Couscous is **light and easy to chew**, while sautéed vegetables provide **soft texture and antioxidants**. Mint and lemon enhance flavor without salt—great

for older adults managing blood pressure and digestion.

Nutrition Facts: 260 kcal | 5g protein | 11g fat | 34g carbs

4. Spinach & Feta Stuffed Sweet Potato



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 small sweet potatoes, baked
- 1 cup spinach, sautéed
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 tsp olive oil
- Pinch of ground nutmeg

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Bake sweet potatoes for about 45 minutes, or until soft.
2. In a skillet, heat olive oil and sauté spinach for 2–3 minutes until wilted. Season with nutmeg.
3. Slice each sweet potato open and mash slightly with a fork to create space.

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Vitamin C, Magnesium, Iron



4. Top with sautéed spinach and crumbled feta. Serve warm.

Senior Tip: Sweet potatoes are **naturally soft and easy to chew**, rich in **beta-carotene and fiber**. Combined with feta and spinach, this dish supports **anti-inflammatory health and digestion** in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 280 kcal | 6g protein | 9g fat | 40g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin A, Fiber, Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium



5. Zucchini & Tomato Frittata



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 3 large eggs

- ½ cup diced zucchini
- ½ cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh basil
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Salt and pepper (to taste)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).
2. In an oven-safe skillet, heat olive oil and sauté zucchini and cherry tomatoes for 3–4 minutes until slightly softened.
3. In a bowl, beat eggs with chopped basil, salt, and pepper.
4. Pour egg mixture over the vegetables. Cook on the stovetop for 2–3 minutes until edges begin to set.

5. Transfer skillet to the oven and bake for 10–12 minutes until the center is firm.
6. Slice and serve warm.

Senior Tip: This frittata is **rich in protein, soft in texture, and easy to cut and chew**—making it a nourishing and satisfying option for older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 210 kcal | 11g protein | 17g fat | 4g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin A, B12, Choline, Lycopene, Iron



- Oregano and black pepper (to taste)

6. Chickpea & Olive Tapenade Tartine



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 slices whole grain bread, toasted
- ½ cup mashed chickpeas
- 2 tbsp chopped olives (*green or Kalamata*)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp lemon juice

Directions:

1. In a bowl, mix mashed chickpeas, chopped olives, olive oil, lemon juice, oregano, and black pepper until smooth and spreadable.
2. Spread the mixture evenly over toasted bread slices.
3. Optionally garnish with chopped tomato, parsley, or extra herbs. Serve immediately.

Senior Tip: Mash chickpeas thoroughly for a **softer texture**. This tartine is rich in **fiber, plant protein, and healthy fats**, helping support **heart and digestive health** in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 270 kcal | 8g protein | 13g fat | 28g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Iron, Folate, Magnesium, Omega-9s

7. Lentil & Bulgur Pilaf with Herbs



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ cup dry green lentils
- ½ cup bulgur wheat
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley and mint
- ¼ tsp ground cumin
- Salt (to taste)

Directions:

1. Cook green lentils in water until tender (about 20 minutes). Drain and set aside.
2. In a separate pot, cook bulgur by covering with an equal amount of boiling water. Let sit covered for 10–12 minutes, then fluff.
3. In a large pan, heat olive oil and sauté minced garlic for 1 minute.
4. Add cooked lentils and bulgur to the pan. Stir in chopped herbs, cumin, and salt.
5. Serve warm as a main or side dish.

Senior Tip: This pilaf is soft, filling, and gentle on digestion. Lentils and bulgur provide plant-based protein, fiber, and iron, supporting muscle maintenance and energy in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 340 kcal | 13g protein | 11g fat | 42g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron, Folate, Fiber, Magnesium, Zinc



8. Greek-Style Stuffed Zucchini Boats



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 medium zucchinis, halved lengthwise and hollowed
- ½ cup cooked brown rice
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 tbsp chopped sun-dried tomatoes
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Fresh oregano and black pepper (to taste)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. In a bowl, mix cooked brown rice, feta, sun-dried tomatoes, oregano, and black pepper.
3. Spoon the mixture into hollowed zucchini halves.
4. Drizzle with olive oil and place in a baking dish.
5. Bake for 20–25 minutes until zucchini is tender and lightly golden.

Senior Tip: Baking softens zucchini, making it **easy to chew and digest**. Feta adds **calcium**, while brown rice and zucchini contribute **fiber** to support gut and bone health in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 280 kcal | 7g protein | 14g fat | 30g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Calcium, Potassium, Vitamin A



9. White Bean Ratatouille



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ cup canned white beans, rinsed
- ½ cup diced eggplant
- ½ cup diced zucchini
- ½ cup diced tomato
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- Basil and thyme (to taste)

Directions:

1. In a pot, heat olive oil over medium heat. Sauté garlic for 1 minute.
2. Add eggplant, zucchini, and tomato. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Stir in white beans, basil, and thyme. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes, until vegetables are tender.
4. Serve warm as a light main or hearty side.

Senior Tip: This dish becomes **very soft and easy to chew**, making it excellent for seniors. It's **fiber-rich and packed with antioxidants**, supporting **gut health, immunity, and heart function**.

Nutrition Facts: 220 kcal | 6g protein | 10g fat | 26g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Folate, Potassium, Vitamin C, Magnesium



10. Whole Wheat Pasta with Spinach & Ricotta



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 120g whole wheat pasta (*dry*)
- 1 cup fresh spinach, chopped
- ¼ cup ricotta cheese
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Pinch of nutmeg
- Salt and pepper (to taste)

Directions:

11. Baked Eggplant with Tomato & Feta



1. Cook pasta according to package directions. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the cooking water and drain the rest.
2. In a pan, heat olive oil and sauté chopped spinach for 2–3 minutes until wilted.
3. Add cooked pasta, ricotta, nutmeg, salt, and pepper. Mix gently to combine.
4. Stir in reserved pasta water if needed to create a creamy texture. Serve warm.

Senior Tip: This dish is **creamy, soft, and easy to chew**. Ricotta adds **calcium and protein** to support **bone and muscle health**, while spinach contributes important **micronutrients**.

Nutrition Facts: 380 kcal | 15g protein | 15g fat | 42g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium, Fiber, Folate, Iron, Magnesium



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 medium eggplant, sliced
- ½ cup diced tomatoes
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Dried oregano and black pepper (to taste)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).

2. Arrange eggplant slices on a baking sheet and brush both sides with olive oil. Bake for 10 minutes.
3. Remove from oven and top each slice with diced tomato and crumbled feta.
4. Sprinkle with oregano and pepper. Return to oven and bake for another 10 minutes, until soft and golden.
5. Serve warm as a main or side dish.

and tomatoes provide **antioxidants** like **lycopene**, while feta adds **calcium** and flavor without needing excess salt.

Nutrition Facts: 240 kcal | 6g protein | 18g fat | 14g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C, Calcium, Potassium, Lycopene



Senior Tip: This dish becomes **tender and easy to chew** when baked. Eggplant

12. Mediterranean Chickpea Stew



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cooked chickpeas
- ½ cup diced carrots
- ½ cup diced tomatoes
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Cumin, turmeric, chopped parsley (to taste)
- ½ cup water

Directions:

1. In a pot, heat olive oil over medium. Sauté garlic and carrots for 5 minutes until softened.
2. Add cooked chickpeas, diced tomatoes, cumin, turmeric, and water. Stir well.
3. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes until flavors blend and vegetables are tender.
4. Stir in fresh parsley before serving.

Senior Tip: This stew is **warm, soft, and nourishing**, packed with **plant-based protein, fiber, and anti-inflammatory spices**. It supports **joint health, immunity, and digestion** in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 280 kcal | 10g protein | 11g fat | 30g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Iron, Folate, Vitamin A, Magnesium



13. Bulgur Salad with Roasted Vegetables



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ cup bulgur wheat (dry)
- ½ cup roasted bell peppers and zucchini (chopped)
- 1 tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Juice of ½ lemon

Directions:

1. Place bulgur in a bowl and cover with an equal amount of boiling water. Cover and let sit for 10 minutes, then fluff with a fork.
2. Mix the cooked bulgur with chopped roasted vegetables, parsley, olive oil, and lemon juice.
3. Serve warm or chilled.

Senior Tip: This dish is **soft, fiber-rich, and gentle on digestion**, making it perfect for seniors. It can be served **warm or cold**, and supports **bowel health and sustained energy**.

Nutrition Facts: 240 kcal | 6g protein | 10g fat | 32g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Vitamin C, Folate, Potassium



14. Lentil Patties with Yogurt Sauce



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ cup cooked lentils
- ¼ cup grated carrot
- 1 tbsp breadcrumbs
- 1 egg
- Olive oil (for pan-frying)
- ¼ tsp ground cumin
- 2 tbsp plain yogurt
- ½ small garlic clove, minced (for sauce)

Directions:

1. In a bowl, mix cooked lentils, grated carrot, breadcrumbs, egg, and cumin.
2. Form into small patties (4-6 total).

3. Heat olive oil in a pan over medium heat. Cook patties for 3–4 minutes per side, until golden and firm.
4. In a small dish, mix yogurt and minced garlic for the dipping sauce.
5. Serve patties warm with yogurt sauce on the side.
- 6.

Senior Tip: These patties are soft, flavorful, and rich in fiber and plant

15. Spinach & Feta Stuffed Peppers



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 bell peppers, halved and deseeded
- 1 cup chopped spinach
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
- ¼ cup cooked quinoa
- 1 tbsp olive oil

protein. The yogurt sauce supports **digestion** and adds **probiotics**, making this dish ideal for older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 260 kcal | 13g protein | 13g fat | 20g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Iron, Folate, B6, Calcium



Directions:

1. In a skillet, heat olive oil and sauté chopped spinach until wilted (2–3 minutes).
2. In a bowl, mix sautéed spinach with cooked quinoa and crumbled feta.
3. Spoon the mixture into pepper halves and place in a baking dish.
4. Bake at 375°F (190°C) for 20 minutes, or until peppers are soft and filling is warmed through.

Senior Tip:

This dish is **colorful, soft, and easy to chew**. Feta adds **calcium**, while spinach and quinoa contribute **fiber and iron** to support **bone and heart health** in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 240 kcal | 8g protein | 14g fat | 20g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium, Fiber, Iron, Vitamin C, Folate



2.5 Main Dishes – Mixed (15 Recipes)

1. Grilled Lamb Skewers with Yogurt Dip



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 200g lamb cubes (about 7 oz)
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- Juice of ½ lemon
- ½ cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh mint (for garnish)

Directions:

1. In a bowl, combine lamb cubes with olive oil, cumin, oregano, and lemon juice. Marinate for at least 30 minutes.
2. Thread the marinated lamb onto skewers.
3. Grill over medium heat for 10–12 minutes, turning occasionally, until cooked through and lightly charred.
4. In a small bowl, mix Greek yogurt, minced garlic, and chopped mint to create a dipping sauce.
5. Serve skewers hot with the yogurt dip on the side.

Senior Tip: Lamb is a flavorful source of iron and zinc, which support immune function, strength, and energy in older adults. Yogurt adds calcium and beneficial probiotics to support gut and bone health.

Nutrition Facts: 820 kcal • 64g protein • 56g fat • 6g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron, Zinc, Vitamin B12, Calcium, Probiotics



2. Mediterranean Tofu Bowl

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 block firm tofu (approx. 300g), cubed
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cup cooked quinoa
- ¼ cup diced cucumber
- ½ medium tomato, chopped
- 1 tbsp tahini

- Juice of ½ lemon
- Fresh parsley, chopped (to garnish)

3. Drizzle each bowl with tahini and fresh lemon juice, then garnish with parsley.



Directions:

1. Heat olive oil in a skillet and pan-fry tofu cubes over medium heat until golden on all sides.
2. In two serving bowls, divide and layer the cooked quinoa, cucumber, tomato, and golden tofu.

Senior Tip: Tofu is a soft, plant-based protein that's easy to chew and digest, making it ideal for seniors. It provides **calcium** for bone health and **iron** for energy. Tahini and olive oil add healthy fats to support cognitive function.

Nutrition Facts: 640 kcal • 34g protein • 36g fat • 40g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium • Iron • Magnesium • Vitamin E • Omega-6 fatty acids



3. Stuffed Bell Peppers with Ground Beef & Bulgur



- 150g lean ground beef
- ½ cup cooked bulgur
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

Directions:

1. In a skillet, cook ground beef with tomato paste, paprika, and parsley over medium heat until fully browned.
2. Remove from heat and mix in cooked bulgur until well combined.
3. Spoon the beef-bulgur mixture into each bell pepper half.
4. Place in a baking dish and bake at 375°F (190°C) for 25 minutes, or until peppers are tender.

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 bell peppers, halved and seeded

Senior Tip: These stuffed peppers are soft-textured and easy to chew, making them ideal for older adults. They offer a comforting mix of **protein, fiber, and vitamins** to support strength and digestive health.

Nutrition Facts: 480 kcal • 30g protein • 22g fat • 36g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron • Vitamin C • Folate • Zinc • Fiber



4. Tofu Ratatouille



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ block firm tofu, cubed (approx. 150g)
- ½ zucchini, sliced
- ½ eggplant, cubed
- ½ red bell pepper, diced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- ½ tsp dried thyme

Directions: In a large skillet, sauté zucchini, eggplant, and red bell pepper in

olive oil over medium heat for 7–8 minutes until softened.

1. Add garlic, thyme, and tofu. Stir well and simmer on low for 10 more minutes.
2. Serve warm, optionally with a slice of whole grain bread or over quinoa.

Senior Tip: This colorful, soft-textured dish is easy to chew and digest. Tofu provides gentle, plant-based protein, while the vegetables deliver antioxidants and hydration — perfect for supporting immune and digestive health in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 340 kcal • 16g protein • 22g fat • 20g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium • Vitamin C • Potassium • Magnesium • Fiber



5. Beef & Chickpea Stew

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 150g lean beef strips
- ½ cup cooked chickpeas
- ½ cup diced tomatoes
- ¼ cup finely chopped onion
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp paprika

- ½ tsp ground cumin



2. Stir in tomatoes, chickpeas, paprika, and cumin.
3. Cover and simmer for 15–20 minutes, allowing flavors to meld and meat to tenderize.

Senior Tip: This one-pot meal is rich in protein and fiber, supporting muscle maintenance and digestive comfort. Chickpeas provide plant-based iron and help regulate blood sugar, while spices add flavor without added salt.

Directions:

1. Heat olive oil in a saucepan and sauté the onion and beef strips over medium heat until browned (about 5–6 minutes).

Nutrition Facts: 390 kcal • 28g protein • 18g fat • 22g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron • Zinc • Fiber • Vitamin B12 • Folate

6. Tofu & Roasted Vegetable Couscous

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- ½ tsp dried thyme



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). Toss tofu, zucchini, bell pepper, onion, garlic, and olive oil together. Spread on a baking tray and roast for 20–25 minutes until golden and tender.
2. Meanwhile, prepare couscous by pouring ½ cup boiling water over it in a bowl. Cover and let sit for 5 minutes, then fluff with a fork.
3. Divide couscous into two bowls and top with roasted tofu and vegetables. Sprinkle with thyme before serving.

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ block firm tofu, cubed
- ½ zucchini, sliced
- ½ red bell pepper, diced
- ¼ red onion, sliced
- ½ cup whole wheat couscous

Senior Tip: Roasted vegetables enhance natural flavors and soften textures, making this dish easy to chew and

satisfying. Tofu adds plant-based protein and calcium for bone health, while couscous provides fiber and energy.

Nutrition Facts: 420 kcal • 20g protein • 20g fat • 38g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium • Fiber • Iron • Vitamin C • Magnesium



7. Lamb & Lentil Bowl



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 150g ground lamb (lean)
- ½ cup cooked green lentils
- ½ carrot, grated
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh mint

Directions:

1. In a skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add ground lamb and cumin, and cook until browned and fragrant, about 6–7 minutes.
2. Stir in cooked lentils and grated carrot. Cook together for 5 minutes, allowing flavors to blend.
3. Divide into two bowls and garnish with chopped mint. Serve warm.

Senior Tip: This hearty bowl combines iron-rich lamb with fiber-packed lentils to support energy, muscle maintenance, and digestive health. The soft texture is gentle on chewing and easy to digest.

Nutrition Facts: 440 kcal • 28g protein • 28g fat • 18g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron • Zinc • Folate • Vitamin B12 • Fiber



8. Baked Eggplant with Spiced Beef Filling

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 medium eggplant, halved
- 150g lean ground beef

- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- ¼ tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp dried oregano
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). Slice eggplant in half lengthwise and scoop out the flesh. Chop the scooped flesh and set aside.
2. In a skillet, heat olive oil and sauté garlic until fragrant. Add ground beef, chopped eggplant, cinnamon, oregano, and tomato paste. Cook

for 8–10 minutes until beef is browned and mixture is thick.

3. Fill the hollowed eggplant shells with the beef mixture. Place on a baking dish, drizzle lightly with oil, and bake for 25 minutes until tender.
4. Let cool slightly before serving.

Senior Tip: Baked eggplant has a creamy texture that's easy to chew and digest. This dish offers protein, fiber, and comforting Mediterranean spices that support gut and heart health.

Nutrition Facts: 420 kcal • 26g protein • 30g fat • 15g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron • Potassium • Fiber • Vitamin B6 • Zinc



- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped

9. Lamb & Barley Pilaf



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 150g lamb, diced
- ½ cup pearl barley (uncooked)
- ¼ cup chopped onion

Directions:

1. In a saucepan, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and lamb, sauté until golden and fragrant.
2. Stir in barley and cinnamon stick, then pour in 1 cup water. Bring to a gentle boil.
3. Cover and simmer over low heat for 25–30 minutes, or until barley is tender and water is absorbed.
4. Remove cinnamon stick, fluff the pilaf, and sprinkle with fresh parsley before serving.

Senior Tip: Barley provides slow-digesting carbohydrates and soluble fiber to support heart health and stabilize blood sugar. Lamb contributes iron, zinc, and protein for strength and immune support in older adults.

10. Mediterranean Tofu Patties with Tomato Relish



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ block (approx. 150g) firm tofu, mashed
- ¼ cup rolled oats
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- 1 small tomato, diced
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil

Directions:

1. In a bowl, combine mashed tofu, oats, egg, oregano, and garlic powder. Mix well and form 4 small patties.

Nutrition Facts: 460 kcal • 28g protein • 22g fat • 35g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron • Zinc • Fiber • Vitamin B12 • Magnesium



2. Heat ½ tsp olive oil in a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Cook patties 3–4 minutes per side until golden and set.
3. In a small bowl, combine diced tomato with the remaining ½ tsp olive oil to make a simple relish.
4. Top patties with tomato relish and serve warm.

Senior Tip: This soft-textured dish provides complete plant-based protein, gentle fiber from oats, and heart-supportive fats. The tomato relish adds a fresh burst of flavor and lycopene for antioxidant protection.

Nutrition Facts: 370 kcal • 22g protein • 15g fat • 28g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium • Vitamin B1 • Iron • Vitamin K • Lycopene



11. Stuffed Bell Peppers with Bulgur & Ground Beef



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 medium bell peppers, tops removed, and seeds discarded
- 150g lean ground beef
- ½ cup cooked bulgur
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

Directions:

12. Grilled Lamb Skewers with Mint Yogurt Dip

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 200g lamb cubes
- ½ red onion, cut into chunks
- ½ zucchini, sliced
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- Salt, pepper, dried oregano (to taste)

1. In a skillet, heat olive oil and sauté ground beef with cumin until fully cooked and lightly browned.
2. Stir in cooked bulgur and tomato paste. Mix thoroughly and remove from heat.
3. Stuff the prepared bell peppers with the mixture. Place in a baking dish with ¼ cup water.
4. Cover with foil and bake at 375°F (190°C) for 30 minutes, or until the peppers are fork-tender.

Senior Tip:

Baking softens the peppers, making them easier to chew and digest. This dish combines lean protein, fiber, and gentle spices to support energy and digestive comfort.

Nutrition Facts: 440 kcal • 28g protein • 20g fat • 32g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C • Iron • Folate • Fiber • Lycopene



- 2 tbsp plain yogurt
- 1 tsp chopped fresh mint



Directions:

1. In a bowl, toss lamb cubes and vegetables with olive oil, salt, pepper, and oregano.
2. Thread lamb, onion, and zucchini pieces alternately onto skewers.
3. Grill over medium-high heat or bake at 400°F (200°C) for 12–15 minutes, turning halfway through.
4. Meanwhile, mix yogurt with chopped mint to make a refreshing dipping sauce.
5. Serve skewers hot with the mint yogurt dip on the side.

Senior Tip: This dish provides soft-cooked meat and vegetables that are easier to chew. The yogurt dip supports digestion with probiotics and adds a cooling flavor contrast.

Nutrition Facts: 470 kcal • 32g protein • 28g fat • 10g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Zinc • Vitamin B12 • Calcium • Phosphorus



13. Baked Tofu with Ratatouille



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ block firm tofu, cubed
- ½ zucchini, diced
- ½ eggplant, diced
- ½ red or yellow bell pepper, diced
- 1 small tomato, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- ½ tsp dried thyme

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). Place cubed tofu on a lined baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes, flipping once halfway through.
2. In a large skillet, sauté garlic, zucchini, eggplant, bell pepper, and tomato in olive oil over medium heat for 10–12 minutes until soft.
3. Stir in baked tofu and sprinkle with thyme. Simmer 2–3 minutes to blend flavors.
4. Serve warm.

Senior Tip: This soft-textured dish is easy to chew and soothing on digestion. A plant-based meal like this supports heart and gut health in aging adults.

Nutrition Facts: 350 kcal • 20g protein • 18g fat • 24g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber • Calcium • Potassium • Vitamin C



Directions:

14. Mediterranean Beef & Chickpea Bowl



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 150g lean beef strips
- ½ cup cooked chickpeas
- ¼ cup chopped cucumber
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

Directions:

15. Spiced Lamb & Quinoa Stuffed Eggplant

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 medium eggplant, halved lengthwise
- 150g ground lamb
- ½ cup cooked quinoa
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon

1. In a skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat and sauté beef strips with garlic until browned and cooked through (about 6–8 minutes).
2. In a bowl, mix cooked beef with chickpeas, cucumber, lemon juice, and parsley.
3. Toss gently and serve warm or chilled.

Senior Tip:

This bowl is rich in iron, protein, and fiber—ideal for maintaining energy, digestion, and balanced blood sugar in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 390 kcal • 29g protein • 22g fat • 16g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron • Zinc • Fiber • Vitamin B6



- ½ tsp ground cumin
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil



Directions:

1. Scoop out the flesh from eggplant halves, chop the scooped flesh, and set aside. Lightly brush the eggplant shells with olive oil and bake at 375°F (190°C) for 15 minutes.
2. In a skillet, sauté ground lamb with olive oil, cinnamon, and cumin until browned. Add chopped eggplant flesh, tomato paste, and cooked quinoa. Cook for 5–6 minutes.
3. Fill the pre-baked eggplant shells with the lamb-quinoa mixture and

return to the oven. Bake an additional 10 minutes.

4. Serve warm, optionally garnished with chopped parsley.

Senior Tip: This dish offers a satisfying combination of fiber, protein, and soft texture, making it easy to chew and excellent for sustaining energy throughout the day.

Nutrition Facts: 480 kcal • 30g protein • 28g fat • 26g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron • Fiber • B12 • Magnesium • Potassium



2.6 Sides & Appetizers (15 Recipes)

1. Marinated Artichoke Hearts with Lemon & Herbs



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 cup canned artichoke hearts, drained
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of ½ lemon
- 1 tsp chopped fresh parsley
- 1 small garlic clove, minced

Directions:

2. Cucumber Yogurt Dip (Tzatziki)

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ cup plain Greek yogurt
- ¼ cucumber, grated and squeezed to remove excess water
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- ½ garlic clove, minced
- 1 tsp fresh or dried dill
- Pinch of salt



1. In a medium bowl, whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, parsley, and garlic.
2. Add the artichoke hearts and gently toss to coat.
3. Let marinate for at least 30 minutes in the refrigerator.
4. Serve chilled or at room temperature as a refreshing side.

Senior Tip: Artichokes are soft and easy to chew, rich in antioxidants and fiber, and support liver health and digestion – key for healthy aging.

Nutrition Facts: 126 kcal | 3.3g protein | 4.8g fat | 20g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Iron, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Vitamin K, Antioxidants, Lycopene, Sodium



Directions:

1. In a small bowl, combine grated cucumber, yogurt, garlic, dill, and salt. Mix well.
2. Drizzle olive oil on top just before serving.
3. Serve chilled as a dip or side with vegetables or whole grain crackers.

Senior Tip: Tzatziki is rich in calcium and probiotics, promoting bone and gut

3. Baked Zucchini Rounds with Feta



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 medium zucchini, sliced into ½-inch rounds
- 2 tbsp crumbled feta cheese
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- A pinch of dried oregano

Directions:

4. Warm Lentil & Tomato Salad

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

health. Its smooth texture and cooling flavor make it ideal for older adults with sensitive digestion.

Nutrition Facts: 100 kcal • 5g protein • 7g fat • 3g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium • Probiotics • Vitamin A • Phosphorus



1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. Arrange zucchini rounds on a parchment-lined baking sheet.
3. Lightly brush each slice with olive oil, sprinkle with feta and oregano.
4. Bake for 12–15 minutes, or until zucchini is tender and feta is lightly golden.

Senior Tip: These soft, bite-sized rounds are easy to chew and digest, offering a flavorful way to add vegetables and calcium to the diet.

Nutrition Facts: 90 kcal • 3g protein • 7g fat • 4g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium • Vitamin C • Potassium • Vitamin A



- ½ cup cooked green or brown lentils
- ½ cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp balsamic vinegar
- A few fresh basil leaves or ¼ tsp dried basil

- A pinch of black pepper



2. Add balsamic vinegar and stir in basil and black pepper.
3. Serve warm or allow to cool slightly for a room-temperature salad.

Senior Tip: This soft, fiber-rich salad supports digestion and is easy to chew. Warm ingredients enhance appetite in older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 130 kcal • 6g protein • 4g fat • 17g carbohydrates

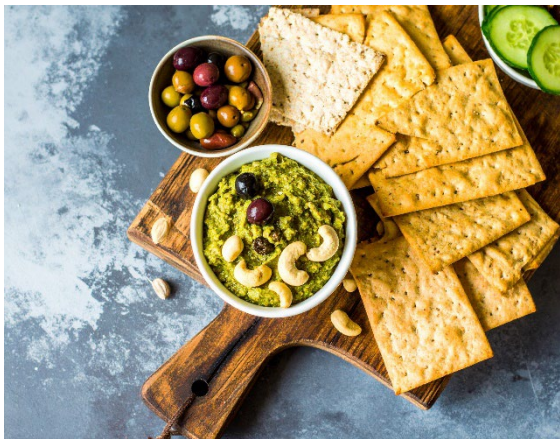
Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber • Folate • Iron • Vitamin C • Potassium

Directions:

1. In a small skillet, gently warm lentils and cherry tomatoes with olive oil for 3–4 minutes.



5. Olive Tapenade with Whole Grain Crackers



Directions:

1. Place black olives, green olives, capers, olive oil, and garlic in a small food processor or blender.
2. Pulse into a coarse paste—do not over blend.
3. Serve with whole grain crackers or cucumber slices.

Senior Tip: This flavorful spread is rich in monounsaturated fats and encourages appetite with its bold taste. Easy to chew and great for snacking or appetizers.

Nutrition Facts: 180 kcal • 2g protein • 16g fat • 8g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin E • Monounsaturated fats • Sodium (moderate) • Copper

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup black olives, pitted
- ¼ cup green olives
- 1 tsp capers
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- ½ garlic clove
- 6–8 whole grain crackers



6. Stuffed Grape Leaves (Dolmas)



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

6 jarred grape leaves, rinsed

- ¼ cup cooked brown rice
- 1 tbsp finely chopped parsley
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of ½ lemon
- Pinch of ground cumin

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, mix cooked brown rice, parsley, olive oil, lemon juice, and cumin.
2. Place about 1 teaspoon of the mixture in the center of each grape leaf. Fold in the sides and roll tightly.
3. Arrange the dolmas seam-side down in a small pan. Add a splash of water, cover, and gently heat over low heat for 5 minutes to warm through.

Senior Tip: These tender, easy-to-chew rolls offer anti-inflammatory and digestive support thanks to brown rice and fresh herbs. They're light yet satisfying, making them ideal for seniors with smaller appetites.

Nutrition Facts: 120 kcal • 2g protein • 5g fat • 16g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber • Vitamin C • Folate • Polyphenols



7. Roasted Red Pepper Hummus



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ cup cooked chickpeas
- ½ roasted red bell pepper
- 1 tbsp tahini
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- ½ garlic clove

Directions:

1. Combine all ingredients in a food processor or blender.
2. Blend until smooth and creamy.

3. Serve with raw or lightly steamed vegetable sticks such as carrots, cucumber, or zucchini.

Senior Tip: This creamy and flavorful spread is easy to chew and rich in healthy fats and fiber. Ideal for seniors with sensitive teeth or reduced appetite, it also

supports blood sugar balance and digestion.

Nutrition Facts: 180 kcal • 5g protein • 12g fat • 14g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber • Folate • Iron • Vitamin C • Healthy Fats



8. Eggplant & Tomato Stack



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 small eggplant, sliced into rounds
- 1 medium tomato, sliced
- 2 tbsp crumbled feta
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- Pinch of dried oregano

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. Arrange eggplant slices on a baking tray. Brush lightly with olive oil and roast for 15 minutes until tender.
3. On a small baking dish, alternate layers of roasted eggplant and tomato slices.
4. Top with crumbled feta and a sprinkle of oregano.
5. Return to oven and bake for 5 more minutes until cheese softens slightly.

Senior Tip: Roasting softens the vegetables, making them easier to chew and digest. This dish is rich in antioxidants like lycopene and anthocyanins, which support healthy aging.

Nutrition Facts: 160 kcal • 5g protein • 10g fat • 12g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C • Potassium • Fiber • Antioxidants



9. White Bean & Herb Spread

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ cup cooked white beans
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp fresh lemon juice
- ½ garlic clove, minced
- 1 tsp finely chopped rosemary



Directions:

1. Place all ingredients in a food processor or blender.
2. Blend until smooth and creamy, adding a few drops of water if needed for texture.

10. Chickpea & Cucumber Salad Cups



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ cup canned chickpeas, rinsed
- ¼ cup diced cucumber
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil

3. Serve spread on whole grain toast, cucumber slices, or as a dip with soft veggies.

Senior Tip: This fiber-rich, heart-friendly spread supports digestion, helps regulate blood sugar, and is easy to chew—ideal for seniors needing mild-textured, protein-packed snacks.

Nutrition Facts: 150 kcal • 6g protein • 5g fat • 20g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Folate • Iron • Magnesium • Fiber



- 1 tsp fresh lemon juice
- ½ tsp chopped fresh mint
- Pinch of black pepper

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, combine chickpeas, cucumber, olive oil, lemon juice, mint, and pepper.
2. Mix gently to coat evenly.
3. Spoon the mixture into crisp lettuce leaves or small serving cups.

Senior Tip: This light and cooling salad is easy to chew, hydrating, and rich in fiber and plant protein—perfect for warm days or those with low appetite.

Nutrition Facts: 160 kcal • 6g protein • 6g fat • 18g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Folate • Vitamin C • Fiber • Iron

11. Zucchini Fritters with Yogurt Dip



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 small zucchini, grated
- 1 tbsp whole wheat flour
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp olive oil (for frying)
- Pinch of dried oregano
- ¼ cup plain Greek yogurt (for dip)

Directions:

1. Grate the zucchini and squeeze out excess moisture using a clean towel or paper towel.
2. In a bowl, mix the zucchini with flour, egg, and oregano until combined.
3. Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Drop spoonfuls of the mixture into the pan and flatten slightly.
4. Fry for 2–3 minutes on each side until golden and cooked through.
5. Serve warm with a side of Greek yogurt as a dip.

Senior Tip: These soft, protein-rich fritters are easy to chew and digest. The yogurt dip adds calcium and gut-friendly probiotics, ideal for older adults.

Nutrition Facts: 220 kcal • 10g protein • 12g fat • 15g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin A • Calcium • Potassium • Vitamin B2



12. Olive Tapenade on Whole Grain Toast



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 8 green and black olives, pitted
- 1 tsp capers
- ½ garlic clove, minced
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 slices whole grain bread (toasted)

Directions:

1. In a small food processor or using a mortar and pestle, combine olives, capers, garlic, and olive oil. Blend into a coarse paste.
2. Lightly toast the whole grain bread slices until crisp.

3. Spread the tapenade evenly over the toast slices and serve immediately as a snack or light appetizer.

Senior Tip: This flavorful and satisfying snack provides heart-healthy fats and fiber. The bold taste can help stimulate appetite, and the soft spread is easy to

chew, making it ideal for older adults with reduced oral strength or low appetite.

Nutrition Facts: 190 kcal • 4g protein • 12g fat • 14g carbohydrates

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin E • Iron • Fiber



13. Lentil-Stuffed Mini Peppers



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 4 mini bell peppers, halved and deseeded
- ½ cup cooked green or brown lentils
- 1 tsp tomato paste
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley (or ½ tsp dried)
- ¼ tsp ground cumin

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).

2. In a small bowl, mix the cooked lentils with tomato paste, olive oil, parsley, and cumin until well combined.
3. Spoon the mixture evenly into each pepper half.
4. Arrange stuffed peppers on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper or in a shallow baking dish.
5. Bake for about 10 minutes, or until the peppers are slightly softened and warmed through.
6. Let cool slightly before serving.

Senior Tip: These colorful, bite-sized snacks are soft and easy to chew, making them perfect for seniors. Lentils provide plant-based protein and fiber, while bell peppers offer antioxidants to support heart and eye health.

Nutrition Facts: 220 kcal | 10g protein | 6g fat | 30g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber • Folate • Vitamin A • Iron • Potassium



14. Beet & Yogurt Dip (Beet Tzatziki)

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ cooked beet, grated
- ¼ cup plain Greek yogurt
- ½ garlic clove
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- Pinch of salt



Directions:

1. Mix grated beet with yogurt, garlic, lemon juice, and salt.
2. Chill before serving with raw veggie sticks.

Senior Tip: Cooling and gut-friendly; beets aid circulation.

Nutrition Facts: 70 kcal | 3g protein | 2.5g fat | 9g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Folate, Vitamin C, Potassium



15. Herbed Bulgur Salad (Tabbouleh-Inspired)



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ cup cooked bulgur
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tbsp chopped tomato
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of ½ lemon
- A few mint leaves (or ¼ tsp dried mint)
- Pinch of salt

Directions:

1. In a medium bowl, place the cooked bulgur (let it cool if freshly prepared).
2. Add chopped parsley, tomato, and mint to the bowl.
3. Drizzle with olive oil and lemon juice.

4. Sprinkle with salt and gently toss all ingredients together until evenly combined.
5. Let sit for 5–10 minutes to allow flavors to meld.
6. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

Senior Tip: This refreshing dish is high in fiber, hydrating, and easy to digest. The herbs provide anti-inflammatory and

antioxidant benefits, while the soft texture is ideal for older adult

Nutrition Facts: 140 kcal | 4g protein | 4g fat | 22g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C, Folate, Iron, Fiber



2.7 Healthy Mediterranean Desserts (15 Recipes)

1. Baked Apples with Cinnamon & Walnuts



Servings: 2
Ingredients:

- 2 apples, cored
- 2 tbsp chopped walnuts
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp honey (optional)

2. Greek Yogurt with Honey & Berries



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).
2. Fill apple cores with walnuts and cinnamon.
3. Drizzle honey if desired.
4. Bake in a small dish for 20–25 minutes until tender.

Senior Tip: Soft texture and warm spice make this dessert easy to digest and comforting, especially for seniors with reduced chewing ability or digestive sensitivity.

Nutrition Facts: 180 kcal | 2g protein | 8g fat | 25g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Vitamin C, Potassium, Manganese



Servings: 2
Ingredients:

- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- ½ cup mixed berries (blueberries, raspberries, strawberries)
- 1 tsp honey
- 1 tbsp chopped almonds

Directions:

1. Spoon yogurt into bowls.
2. Top with berries, almonds, and a drizzle of honey.
3. Serve chilled.

Senior Tip: High in protein and antioxidants, easy to prepare, and refreshing.

Nutrition Facts: 200 kcal | 12g protein | 8g fat | 18g carbs

3. Olive Oil Orange Cake (Mini Portions)



Servings: 4 small squares

Ingredients:

- ½ cup whole wheat flour
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- ¼ cup orange juice

4. Fig & Ricotta Cups

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 fresh figs, halved
- ¼ cup ricotta cheese
- 1 tsp honey
- Crushed pistachios (optional)

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium, Vitamin C, B12, Antioxidants



- Zest of 1 orange
- 2 tbsp honey
- ½ tsp baking powder

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).
2. Mix all ingredients in a bowl until smooth.
3. Pour into greased mini baking dish.
4. Bake for 18–20 minutes. Let cool before slicing.

Senior Tip: Made with healthy fats and less sugar; soft and moist for easy chewing.

Nutrition Facts: 220 kcal | 4g protein | 10g fat | 28g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Fiber



Directions:

1. Spoon ricotta over fig halves.
2. Drizzle honey and sprinkle pistachios if desired.
3. Serve fresh.

Senior Tip: Naturally sweet and creamy; good source of calcium and fiber.

Nutrition Facts: 160 kcal | 5g protein | 7g fat | 18g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium, Fiber, Magnesium



5. Date & Nut Bites



Servings: 6 small bites

Ingredients:

- 6 Medjool dates, pitted
- ¼ cup almonds or walnuts
- 1 tbsp sesame seeds

6. Chia Pudding with Almond Milk & Berries

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp chia seeds
- 1 cup unsweetened almond milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ cup mixed berries
- 1 tsp maple syrup (optional)

- 1 tsp orange zest

Directions:

1. Blend all ingredients in a food processor.
2. Roll into small balls.
3. Chill before serving.

Senior Tip:

No added sugar; high in fiber and brain-supportive fats.

Nutrition Facts: 180 kcal | 3g protein | 10g fat | 18g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Iron, Fiber, Vitamin B6



Directions:

1. In a bowl, mix chia seeds, almond milk, and vanilla.
2. Stir well and refrigerate for at least 3 hours or overnight.
3. Top with berries and drizzle maple syrup before serving.

Senior Tip: Easy to digest, high in omega-3s and fiber for heart and bowel health.

Nutrition Facts: 180 kcal | 5g protein | 9g fat | 18g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium, Omega-3s, Magnesium, Fiber



7. Baked Pears with Cinnamon & Walnuts



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe pears, halved and cored
- 2 tbsp crushed walnuts
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp honey

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).
2. Place pear halves cut-side up in a small baking dish.
3. Sprinkle each with walnuts and cinnamon, and drizzle with honey.
4. Bake for 20 minutes until soft and fragrant. Serve warm.

Senior Tip: This dessert is naturally sweet and fiber-rich, with a soft texture ideal for seniors with chewing concerns. Walnuts support brain and heart health.

Nutrition Facts: 210 kcal | 3g protein | 11g fat | 28g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Vitamin C, Potassium, Omega-3s, Copper



8. Yogurt Olive Oil Mousse with Citrus

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

- Zest of ½ lemon or orange
- 1 tsp honey
- Pinch of sea salt



Directions:

1. In a bowl, whip yogurt, olive oil, citrus zest, honey, and salt until smooth and fluffy.

2. Chill in the refrigerator for 15 minutes.
3. Serve cold in small cups or bowls.

Senior Tip: This light and creamy mousse offers a balance of protein and heart-healthy fats. The citrus zest boosts flavor and digestion without added sugar.

Nutrition Facts: 160 kcal | 5g protein | 12g fat | 9g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium, Vitamin E, Healthy Fats, Probiotics



- 1 tbsp crushed pistachios

9. Grapes & Cheese Bites



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 12 seedless grapes
- 2 oz soft goat cheese or feta

Directions:

1. Roll small balls of cheese and press a grape into each.
2. Sprinkle with crushed pistachios.
3. Chill before serving.

Senior Tip: Fun, bite-sized snacks with calcium and antioxidants.

Nutrition Facts: 170 kcal | 6g protein | 9g fat | 14g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium, Copper, Antioxidants



- ¼ tsp baking powder
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp honey

- ¼ cup chopped almonds

10. Whole Grain Biscotti with Almonds

Servings: 6 biscotti

Ingredients:

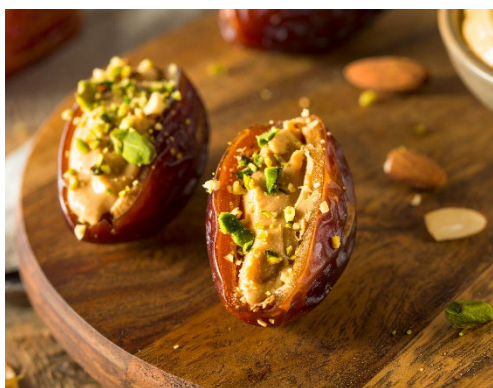
- ½ cup whole wheat flour



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).
2. Mix all ingredients to form a dough.

11. Stuffed Medjool Dates with Almond Butter



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 6 Medjool dates, pitted
- 3 tsp almond butter
- 1 tbsp crushed walnuts or pistachios

3. Shape into a log and bake for 20 minutes.
4. Cool slightly, slice, and bake slices for 10 more minutes until crisp.

Senior Tip: Enjoy dipped in herbal tea; lower sugar and enriched with fiber and nuts.

Nutrition Facts: 140 kcal | 4g protein | 6g fat | 16g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin E, Fiber, Manganese



Directions:

1. Carefully slice open each date and remove the pit.
2. Fill each with ½ tsp almond butter.
3. Sprinkle with crushed nuts. Chill slightly if desired for a firmer texture.

Senior Tip: This naturally sweet snack provides fiber for digestion and healthy fats for sustained energy—ideal for older adults with lower appetite or sugar cravings.

Nutrition Facts: 240 kcal | 4g protein | 11g fat | 34g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Magnesium, Potassium, Vitamin E



12. Ricotta with Figs & Honey



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- ½ cup part-skim ricotta
- 2 fresh figs, sliced (or 3 dried)
- 1 tsp honey
- Pinch of cinnamon

Directions:

1. Divide ricotta evenly between two small serving bowls.
2. Top with sliced figs.
3. Drizzle honey over the top and finish with a sprinkle of cinnamon.

Senior Tip: This creamy dessert is high in calcium to support bone health. Figs add natural sweetness and fiber, aiding digestion and satiety.

Nutrition Facts: 180 kcal | 7g protein | 6g fat | 24g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Calcium, Fiber, Potassium, Vitamin B2



- 2 tbsp honey
- ½ tsp baking powder

13. Olive Oil Orange Cake (Mini Version)



Servings: 4 small slices

Ingredients:

- ½ cup whole wheat flour
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp orange juice + zest

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).
2. In two separate bowls, mix wet and dry ingredients.
3. Combine both mixtures and stir until smooth.
4. Pour batter into a greased small baking dish.
5. Bake for 18–20 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.
6. Let cool before slicing and serving.

Senior Tip: This moist, naturally sweet cake uses heart-healthy olive oil and antioxidant-rich orange. It's easy to chew and digest, making it a gentle treat for older adults.

Nutrition Facts (per slice): 130 kcal | 3g protein | 6g fat | 17g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin E, Fiber, Folate, Vitamin C



14. Grape & Yogurt Frozen Bites



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 12 grapes
- ¼ cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tsp crushed walnuts (optional)

Directions:

1. Dip each grape in yogurt and place on parchment paper.
2. Sprinkle with walnuts.
3. Freeze for 1 hour before serving.

Senior Tip: A refreshing, hydrating snack rich in antioxidants and probiotics.

Nutrition Facts: 100 kcal | 4g protein | 2g fat | 15g carbs

Key Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin K, Probiotics, Calcium



15. Cinnamon Baked Apple Slices with Raisins



Servings: 2

Ingredients:

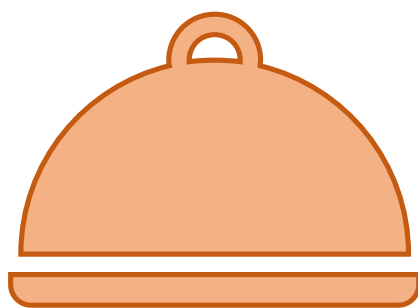
- 1 large apple, sliced
- 1 tbsp raisins
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp olive oil

Directions:

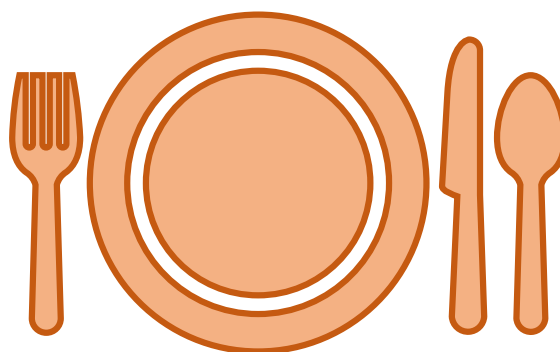
1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. Toss apple slices with olive oil, raisins, and cinnamon.
3. Bake in a dish for 20 minutes until soft and golden.

Senior Tip: Easy to chew, supports digestion, and satisfies sweet cravings.

Nutrition Facts: 150 kcal | 1g protein | 5g fat | 26g carbs
Key Vitamins & Minerals: Fiber, Vitamin C, Iron



Part 3: 90-Day Mediterranean Meal Plan



13 week From Mediterranean Roots to Modern Health — A Journey to Wellness.

The Mediterranean Diet has been celebrated not only as one of the most delicious ways to eat but also as one of the healthiest — especially for older adults. This 90-day meal plan is thoughtfully designed to support senior health using the principles of the Mediterranean lifestyle, as validated by decades of research and international nutrition guidelines.

Drawing on leading references such as *Krause's Food & the Nutrition Care Process*, the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, Harvard's *Nutrition Source*, and *The Mediterranean Diet: History, Concepts and Elements*, this plan brings together traditional foods, modern nutrition science, and the practical needs of aging individuals.

What This Plan Offers

- **Daily Meal Suggestions:**
Each day includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, a side, and a healthy dessert — all inspired by Mediterranean culinary traditions and adjusted for the nutritional needs of seniors.
- **Rotating Weekly Templates (13 Weeks):**
Variety is essential for both health and enjoyment. Each week follows a structured yet flexible template, using nutrient-dense ingredients like legumes, leafy greens, whole grains, fish, olive oil, herbs, and fermented dairy.
- **Tailored to Senior Needs:**
Recipes focus on maintaining muscle mass, supporting cardiovascular and cognitive health, improving digestion, and reducing inflammation — all common concerns with aging. Portions, texture, and nutrient profiles reflect the latest evidence from *Krause's*, *Harvard's Nutrition Source*, and *The Encyclopedia of Natural Medicine*.
- **Evidence-Based Macronutrient Balance:**
Meals follow the macronutrient recommendations outlined in the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* and emphasize fiber-rich carbohydrates, moderate protein, and anti-inflammatory fats (especially omega-3s).
- **Whole Foods, Not Fads:**
This plan avoids heavily processed or restrictive options. Instead, it centers meals

around real food: colorful vegetables, ancient grains, beans, nuts, olive oil, fresh herbs, seasonal fruits, fermented dairy, seafood, and small amounts of lean meat or poultry.

How to Use This Plan

- **Begin at Week 1** and follow through to Week 13 or choose a weekly menu that fits your tastes and energy level.
- Recipes have been selected from the cookbook's earlier sections and include adjustments for seniors (e.g., softer textures, lower sodium, blood sugar support).
- All meals can be customized – you'll find suggestions for ingredient swaps and batch-prep options where needed.

This 90-day guide offers not only health benefits – from better digestion to reduced inflammation – but also a celebration of food as a joyful part of daily life. The Mediterranean approach is about balance, simplicity, and pleasure. Through these meals, we invite you to nourish your body and spirit, every day

Week 1

Day 1 – Monday

- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt with walnuts and honey
- **Lunch:** Lentil soup with olive oil drizzle
 - *Side:* Whole wheat toast with tomato spread
- **Dinner:** Grilled chicken breast with brown rice and green beans
 - *Side:* Cucumber-yogurt salad
- **Dessert:** Baked apple slices with cinnamon

Day 2 – Tuesday

- **Breakfast:** Oatmeal with chopped figs and flaxseed
- **Lunch:** Tuna salad with chickpeas and red peppers
 - *Side:* Whole wheat pita
- **Dinner:** Stuffed bell peppers with quinoa and herbs
 - *Side:* Steamed carrots
- **Dessert:** Fresh berries with ricotta

Day 3 – Wednesday

- **Breakfast:** Barley porridge with dates and almond milk
- **Lunch:** Falafel balls with cucumber yogurt dip
 - *Side:* Tabouleh salad
- **Dinner:** Baked salmon with farro and steamed asparagus
 - *Side:* Roasted zucchini

- **Dessert:** Chia pudding with orange zest

Day 4 – Thursday

- **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs with spinach and tomatoes
- **Lunch:** Grilled vegetable and hummus wrap
 - *Side:* Beet and yogurt dip
- **Dinner:** Turkey and lentil stew
 - *Side:* Roasted eggplant with herbs
- **Dessert:** Stuffed dates with almonds

Day 5 – Friday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with sliced peaches
- **Lunch:** Greek salad with feta and olives
 - *Side:* Whole grain crackers
- **Dinner:** Baked trout with herbed quinoa
 - *Side:* Sautéed green beans
- **Dessert:** Fig and ricotta tartlet

Day 6 – Saturday

- **Breakfast:** Avocado toast with sesame and boiled egg
- **Lunch:** Chickpea and tomato salad
 - *Side:* Stuffed grape leaves

- **Dinner:** Eggplant lasagna (vegetarian)
 - *Side:* Spinach sautéed with garlic
- **Dessert:** Yogurt with honey and walnuts

Day 7 – Sunday

- **Breakfast:** Yogurt with dates and granola
- **Lunch:** Brown rice and grilled veggie bowl
 - *Side:* Lentil salad
- **Dinner:** Baked trout with quinoa and lemon
 - *Side:* Steamed spinach
- **Dessert:** Apricot halves with honey

Week 2

Day 8 – Monday

- **Breakfast:** Barley porridge with dates and almond milk
- **Lunch:** Grilled vegetable and hummus wrap
 - *Side:* Olives and sliced cucumber
- **Dinner:** Baked cod with tomato and olive sauce
 - *Side:* Steamed Swiss chard
- **Dessert:** Poached pear with cinnamon

Day 9 – Tuesday

- **Breakfast:** Avocado toast on whole grain bread with boiled egg
- **Lunch:** Lentil salad with arugula and lemon vinaigrette
 - *Side:* Whole wheat bread
- **Dinner:** Lemon herb chicken with roasted potatoes
 - *Side:* Sautéed spinach

- **Dessert:** Greek yogurt with honey and almonds

Day 10 – Wednesday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with figs and flaxseed
- **Lunch:** Quinoa tabbouleh with chickpeas
 - *Side:* Yogurt-cucumber dip
- **Dinner:** Stuffed eggplant with brown rice
 - *Side:* Roasted zucchini
- **Dessert:** Fresh melon cubes with mint

Day 11 – Thursday

- **Breakfast:** Oatmeal with apple and walnut
- **Lunch:** Grilled shrimp over spinach salad
 - *Side:* Lemon olive oil dressing

- **Dinner:** Turkey and lentil stew
 - *Side:* Steamed green beans
- **Dessert:** Ricotta with crushed berries

- **Lunch:** Greek pasta salad with feta and cucumbers
 - *Side:* Lentil soup
- **Dinner:** Spinach and ricotta cannelloni
 - *Side:* Steamed broccoli
- **Dessert:** Baked apricots with honey

Day 12 – Friday

- **Breakfast:** Smoothie with kefir, banana, and blueberries
- **Lunch:** Chickpea and avocado salad
 - *Side:* Whole grain crackers
- **Dinner:** Baked trout with farro and parsley
 - *Side:* Grilled eggplant
- **Dessert:** Apple slices with tahini drizzle

Day 14 – Sunday

- **Breakfast:** Yogurt parfait with granola and dates
- **Lunch:** Falafel with tabbouleh and yogurt dip
 - *Side:* Pita wedges
- **Dinner:** Grilled salmon with herbed couscous
 - *Side:* Roasted bell peppers
- **Dessert:** Fig and ricotta tartlet

Day 13 – Saturday

- **Breakfast:** Boiled eggs with cherry tomatoes and olives

Week 3

Day 15 – Monday

- **Breakfast:** Mediterranean oat bowl with raisins and almonds
- **Lunch:** Lentil soup with lemon and olive oil
 - *Side:* Whole wheat toast
- **Dinner:** Baked eggplant with tomato sauce and herbs
 - *Side:* Quinoa with parsley
- **Dessert:** Baked apple with cinnamon and nuts

Day 16 – Tuesday

- **Breakfast:** Spinach omelet with whole grain toast
- **Lunch:** Tuna and white bean salad
 - *Side:* Arugula and cherry tomatoes
- **Dinner:** Chicken and vegetable tagine
 - *Side:* Couscous with lemon zest
- **Dessert:** Yogurt with pomegranate seeds

Day 17 – Wednesday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with sliced peaches and flax
- **Lunch:** Greek lentil bowl with lemon-tahini dressing
 - *Side:* Pita chips
- **Dinner:** Grilled shrimp with bulgur and spinach
 - *Side:* Steamed zucchini
- **Dessert:** Fruit salad with fresh mint

Day 18 – Thursday

- **Breakfast:** Barley porridge with figs and almonds
- **Lunch:** Roasted sweet potato and quinoa bowl
 - *Side:* Tahini drizzle
- **Dinner:** Herb-roasted chicken with potatoes
 - *Side:* Steamed carrots
- **Dessert:** Ricotta cream with honey

Day 19 – Friday

- **Breakfast:** Avocado toast with tomato slices
- **Lunch:** Mediterranean lentil salad
 - *Side:* Greek yogurt

- **Dinner:** Stuffed peppers with brown rice and feta
 - *Side:* Grilled green beans
- **Dessert:** Date and walnut bites

Day 20 – Saturday

- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt with chia and banana
- **Lunch:** Hummus and vegetable wrap
 - *Side:* Tomato-cucumber salad
- **Dinner:** Grilled trout with sautéed kale
 - *Side:* Boiled baby potatoes
- **Dessert:** Roasted pear with cinnamon

Day 21 – Sunday

- **Breakfast:** Spinach and feta frittata
- **Lunch:** Falafel salad with lemon yogurt dressing
 - *Side:* Couscous tabbouleh
- **Dinner:** Baked cod with herbed farro
 - *Side:* Roasted tomatoes
- **Dessert:** Berry compote with mint

Week 4

Day 22 – Monday

- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt with chia and peaches

- **Lunch:** Lentil and parsley salad with lemon vinaigrette
 - *Side:* Whole grain toast

- **Dinner:** Grilled trout with steamed green beans and roasted baby potatoes
- **Dessert:** Citrus slices with chopped walnuts

Day 23 – Tuesday

- **Breakfast:** Oatmeal with cinnamon apples and walnuts
- **Lunch:** Hummus and grilled vegetable wrap with olives
 - *Side:* Tomato wedges
- **Dinner:** Chickpea stew with spinach and brown rice
- **Dessert:** Ricotta with fig jam

Day 24 – Wednesday

- **Breakfast:** Avocado toast with boiled egg and sesame
- **Lunch:** Greek salad with feta, cherry tomatoes, and whole wheat pita
 - *Side:* Lentil soup
- **Dinner:** Baked eggplant with tomato sauce and herbed quinoa
- **Dessert:** Pear slices with almond butter

Day 25 – Thursday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with strawberries and flax
- **Lunch:** Tuna and white bean salad on arugula
 - *Side:* Olive oil toast

- **Dinner:** Turkey and bulgur pilaf with sautéed kale
- **Dessert:** Greek yogurt with date syrup

Day 26 – Friday

- **Breakfast:** Smoothie with spinach, banana, and flaxseed
- **Lunch:** Sweet potato and black bean bowl with tahini
 - *Side:* Whole grain crackers
- **Dinner:** Grilled shrimp skewers with couscous and grilled peppers
- **Dessert:** Melon with chopped mint

Day 27 – Saturday

- **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs with spinach and tomato
- **Lunch:** Whole wheat pasta with pesto and grilled zucchini
 - *Side:* Cucumber yogurt dip
- **Dinner:** Stuffed bell peppers with brown rice, lentils, and feta
- **Dessert:** Baked apple with raisins

Day 28 – Sunday

- **Breakfast:** Barley porridge with dates and almond milk
- **Lunch:** Falafel balls with tabbouleh and cucumber yogurt dip
 - *Side:* Pita wedges
- **Dinner:** Baked salmon with farro and steamed asparagus
- **Dessert:** Baked peach with almonds

Week 5

Day 29 – Monday

- **Breakfast:** Yogurt parfait with granola and dried apricots
- **Lunch:** Roasted eggplant and chickpea salad
 - *Side:* Whole wheat pita
- **Dinner:** Grilled chicken with lemon and oregano
 - *Side:* Steamed green beans
- **Dessert:** Apple slices with honey

Day 30 – Tuesday

- **Breakfast:** Spinach and ricotta toast
- **Lunch:** Tuna salad with beans and lemon dressing
 - *Side:* Tomato slices
- **Dinner:** Chickpea and spinach stew with bulgur
- **Dessert:** Greek yogurt with berries

Day 31 – Wednesday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with grapes and almonds
- **Lunch:** Sweet potato bowl with tahini dressing
 - *Side:* Lentil soup
- **Dinner:** Grilled salmon with herbed quinoa
 - *Side:* Roasted carrots
- **Dessert:** Orange segments with cinnamon

Day 32 – Thursday

- **Breakfast:** Oatmeal with dried figs and walnuts
- **Lunch:** Lentil burger with yogurt sauce
 - *Side:* Cabbage slaw
- **Dinner:** Baked chicken with olives and lemon
 - *Side:* Couscous
- **Dessert:** Baked pears with ricotta

Day 33 – Friday

- **Breakfast:** Boiled eggs with whole grain toast
- **Lunch:** Tabouleh with avocado and chickpeas
 - *Side:* Yogurt dip
- **Dinner:** Turkey meatballs in tomato sauce with brown rice
 - *Side:* Steamed spinach
- **Dessert:** Date bites with sesame

Day 34 – Saturday

- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt with banana and chia
- **Lunch:** Roasted vegetable wrap with hummus
 - *Side:* Cucumber salad
- **Dinner:** Grilled mackerel with roasted potatoes and green beans
- **Dessert:** Watermelon cubes with mint

Day 35 – Sunday

- **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs with cherry tomatoes
- **Lunch:** Chickpea and quinoa bowl with parsley dressing
 - *Side:* Carrot sticks
- **Dinner:** Stuffed zucchini boats with rice and lentils
 - *Side:* Yogurt sauce
- **Dessert:** Baked apricots with honey and almonds

Week 6

Day 36 – Monday

- **Breakfast:** Avocado toast with lemon and sesame
- **Lunch:** Lentil soup with parsley and olive oil
 - *Side:* Whole wheat toast
- **Dinner:** Grilled cod with herbed farro
 - *Side:* Roasted zucchini
- **Dessert:** Orange slices with crushed pistachios
- **Lunch:** Tuna and arugula salad with lemon vinaigrette
 - *Side:* Whole grain crackers
- **Dinner:** Mediterranean chicken stew with lentils
 - *Side:* Roasted sweet potato
- **Dessert:** Yogurt with honey and walnuts

Day 37 – Tuesday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with blueberries and flax
- **Lunch:** Hummus and cucumber wrap
 - *Side:* Chickpea salad
- **Dinner:** Stuffed eggplant with tomato and bulgur
 - *Side:* Sautéed greens
- **Dessert:** Apple with almond butter
- **Day 39 – Thursday**
- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt with figs and chia
- **Lunch:** Chickpea and avocado salad
 - *Side:* Tomato slices
- **Dinner:** Baked trout with steamed broccoli
 - *Side:* Brown rice pilaf
- **Dessert:** Baked pear with cinnamon

Day 38 – Wednesday

- **Breakfast:** Barley porridge with dried apricots and cinnamon
- **Day 40 – Friday**
- **Breakfast:** Spinach omelet with feta
- **Lunch:** Lentil and tomato bowl
 - *Side:* Pita chips

- **Dinner:** Herbed turkey cutlets with couscous
 - *Side:* Sautéed spinach
- **Dessert:** Melon cubes with mint
- *Side:* Steamed green beans
- **Dessert:** Ricotta with raspberries

Day 41 – Saturday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese and peach slices
- **Lunch:** Roasted vegetable bowl with tahini
 - *Side:* Lentil salad
- **Dinner:** Grilled shrimp with garlic and lemon

Day 42 – Sunday

- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt parfait with granola and banana
- **Lunch:** Falafel with yogurt sauce and greens
 - *Side:* Bulgur tabbouleh
- **Dinner:** Stuffed peppers with brown rice and chickpeas
 - *Side:* Roasted carrots
- **Dessert:** Fig bites with sesame

Week 7

Day 43 – Monday

- **Breakfast:** Oatmeal with chopped walnuts and apples
- **Lunch:** Tuna and white bean salad
 - *Side:* Arugula and lemon
- **Dinner:** Grilled salmon with Mediterranean quinoa
 - *Side:* Steamed broccoli
- **Dessert:** Fruit salad with mint

- *Side:* Barley with lemon zest

- **Dessert:** Dates stuffed with almonds

Day 44 – Tuesday

- **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs with tomato and oregano
- **Lunch:** Sweet potato and lentil salad
 - *Side:* Greek yogurt
- **Dinner:** Baked eggplant with tomato and basil

Day 45 – Wednesday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with grapes and sunflower seeds
- **Lunch:** Roasted zucchini and chickpea wrap
 - *Side:* Spinach salad
- **Dinner:** Lemon herb chicken with whole wheat couscous
 - *Side:* Roasted bell peppers
- **Dessert:** Yogurt with honey

Day 46 – Thursday

- **Breakfast:** Smoothie with spinach, banana, and oats

- **Lunch:** Grilled vegetable and hummus plate
 - *Side:* Pita slices
- **Dinner:** Grilled cod with sautéed kale
 - *Side:* Herbed quinoa
- **Dessert:** Roasted pear slices
- **Lunch:** Chickpea and avocado wrap
 - *Side:* Tomato wedges
- **Dinner:** Baked shrimp with spinach rice
 - *Side:* Zucchini ribbons
- **Dessert:** Ricotta with honey and crushed walnuts

Day 47 – Friday

- **Breakfast:** Avocado toast with flaxseed
- **Lunch:** Lentil soup with lemon
 - *Side:* Cucumber salad
- **Dinner:** Turkey and bulgur patties with steamed carrots
 - *Side:* Couscous
- **Dessert:** Melon and yogurt bowl

Day 48 – Saturday

- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt with sliced figs and almonds

Day 49 – Sunday

- **Breakfast:** Spinach omelet with whole grain toast
- **Lunch:** Falafel salad with lemon tahini
 - *Side:* Roasted sweet potato cubes
- **Dinner:** Stuffed zucchini with lentils and rice
 - *Side:* Cucumber yogurt dip
- **Dessert:** Apricot bites

Week 8

Day 50 – Monday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with berries and chia
- **Lunch:** Lentil and tomato stew
 - *Side:* Spinach salad
- **Dinner:** Grilled chicken with olive tapenade
 - *Side:* Farro and peas
- **Dessert:** Pear slices with cinnamon

Day 51 – Tuesday

- **Breakfast:** Yogurt with chopped dates and flax
- **Lunch:** Tuna and avocado bowl
 - *Side:* Lemon vinaigrette greens
- **Dinner:** Baked salmon with herbed bulgur
 - *Side:* Grilled eggplant
- **Dessert:** Fig and walnut bars

Day 52 – Wednesday

- **Breakfast:** Boiled eggs with tomato slices and toast
- **Lunch:** Greek lentil bowl with olives
 - *Side:* Yogurt
- **Dinner:** Grilled turkey with barley and vegetables
 - *Side:* Steamed kale
- **Dessert:** Baked apple with raisins

Day 53 – Thursday

- **Breakfast:** Spinach frittata with toast
- **Lunch:** Falafel wrap with cucumber yogurt
 - *Side:* Bulgur tabbouleh
- **Dinner:** Baked cod with sautéed greens
 - *Side:* Sweet potato mash
- **Dessert:** Watermelon with mint

Day 54 – Friday

- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt with banana and almonds
- **Lunch:** Chickpea and roasted pepper salad

Day 57 – Monday

- **Breakfast:** Baked sweet potato with Greek yogurt and cinnamon

- *Side:* Pita slices

- **Dinner:** Mediterranean chicken stew
 - *Side:* Brown rice
- **Dessert:** Yogurt with berries

Day 55 – Saturday

- **Breakfast:** Barley porridge with cinnamon and dried fruit
- **Lunch:** Lentil burger with tahini
 - *Side:* Tomato wedges
- **Dinner:** Baked shrimp with roasted squash
 - *Side:* Couscous with herbs
- **Dessert:** Baked peach with honey

Day 56 – Sunday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with strawberries
- **Lunch:** Falafel bowl with greens and chickpeas
 - *Side:* Cucumber dip
- **Dinner:** Baked eggplant with tomato sauce and rice
 - *Side:* Sautéed spinach
- **Dessert:** Ricotta and fig parfait

Week 9

- **Lunch:** Mediterranean tuna-stuffed tomatoes
 - *Side:* Arugula salad with lemon-olive oil dressing

- **Dinner:** Chicken and eggplant bake with herbs
 - *Side:* Steamed green beans
- **Dessert:** Roasted pear with honey and chopped walnuts

Day 58 – Tuesday

- **Breakfast:** Whole grain toast with tahini and dates
- **Lunch:** Bulgur salad with grilled zucchini and feta
 - *Side:* Minty cucumber yogurt dip
- **Dinner:** Baked trout with lemon and garlic
 - *Side:* Steamed carrots and snap peas
- **Dessert:** Baked apple with cinnamon and almonds

Day 59 – Wednesday

- **Breakfast:** Barley porridge with chopped pistachios and dried apricots
- **Lunch:** Spinach and lentil soup with lemon
 - *Side:* Whole grain roll with hummus
- **Dinner:** Turkey meatballs in tomato sauce
 - *Side:* Couscous with parsley
- **Dessert:** Fig and ricotta stuffed date

Day 60 – Thursday

- **Breakfast:** Mediterranean herb omelet with tomatoes and feta
- **Lunch:** Chickpea and roasted red pepper wrap
 - *Side:* Sliced oranges with a drizzle of olive oil and mint
- **Dinner:** Grilled swordfish with lemon and capers
 - *Side:* Roasted potatoes with rosemary
- **Dessert:** Yogurt with honey and pomegranate

Day 61 – Friday

- **Breakfast:** Overnight oats with chia, blueberries, and almond milk
- **Lunch:** Farro bowl with olives, roasted chickpeas, and greens
 - *Side:* Tomato slices with oregano
- **Dinner:** Baked chicken thighs with garlic and lemon
 - *Side:* Steamed spinach with olive oil
- **Dessert:** Strawberry and melon salad

Day 62 – Saturday

- **Breakfast:** Avocado toast on rye with poached egg
- **Lunch:** Lentil and feta patties with tabbouleh
 - *Side:* Grilled eggplant slices

- **Dinner:** Cod baked in tomato and olive sauce
 - *Side:* Barley pilaf with herbs
- **Dessert:** Citrus slices with cinnamon
- **Lunch:** Mediterranean pasta salad with chickpeas and arugula
 - *Side:* Roasted bell pepper strips
- **Dinner:** Grilled lamb skewers with tzatziki
 - *Side:* Quinoa with parsley and lemon

Day 63 – Sunday

- **Breakfast:** Ricotta and fig toast with a drizzle of honey
- **Dessert:** Baked peach halves with chopped nuts

Week 10

Day 64 – Monday

- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt with chopped apricots and chia seeds
- **Lunch:** Lentil and arugula salad with lemon dressing
 - *Side:* Whole wheat crackers
- **Dinner:** Baked salmon with quinoa and steamed spinach
 - *Side:* Roasted red peppers
- **Dessert:** Baked apples with cinnamon

Day 65 – Tuesday

- **Breakfast:** Avocado toast with boiled egg
- **Lunch:** Chickpea and roasted pepper wrap
 - *Side:* Mixed greens salad
- **Dinner:** Grilled chicken with bulgur and herbs
 - *Side:* Steamed carrots
- **Dessert:** Ricotta with honey and almonds

Day 66 – Wednesday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with grapes and flax
- **Lunch:** Tuna salad with cannellini beans and lemon
 - *Side:* Tomato slices
- **Dinner:** Stuffed zucchini with brown rice and lentils
 - *Side:* Yogurt and dill dip
- **Dessert:** Pear with cinnamon

Day 67 – Thursday

- **Breakfast:** Oatmeal with apple and walnuts
- **Lunch:** Grilled vegetable and hummus sandwich
 - *Side:* Beet salad
- **Dinner:** Grilled trout with farro and parsley
 - *Side:* Steamed broccoli
- **Dessert:** Fig and walnut bites

Day 68 – Friday

- **Breakfast:** Smoothie with spinach, banana, and oats
- **Lunch:** White bean salad with cherry tomatoes
 - *Side:* Pita wedges
- **Dinner:** Baked turkey patties with sautéed kale
 - *Side:* Brown rice pilaf
- **Dessert:** Yogurt with crushed pistachios
- *Side:* Hummus and carrot sticks
- **Dinner:** Stuffed bell peppers with lentils and rice
 - *Side:* Steamed zucchini
- **Dessert:** Melon slices

Day 69 – Saturday

- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt parfait with berries and almonds
- **Lunch:** Falafel bowl with bulgur and cucumber

Day 70 – Sunday

- **Breakfast:** Spinach omelet with whole grain toast
- **Lunch:** Roasted sweet potato and black bean bowl
 - *Side:* Yogurt with dill
- **Dinner:** Baked cod with tomato sauce and barley
 - *Side:* Roasted eggplant
- **Dessert:** Fresh orange slices with cinnamon

Week 11

Day 71 – Monday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with pineapple and chia
- **Lunch:** Greek lentil soup with lemon
 - *Side:* Whole grain toast
- **Dinner:** Grilled shrimp with herbed couscous
 - *Side:* Roasted green beans
- **Dessert:** Baked pear halves

- **Lunch:** Avocado and bean salad
 - *Side:* Sliced cucumber with olive oil
- **Dinner:** Chicken stew with carrots and potatoes
 - *Side:* Brown rice
- **Dessert:** Greek yogurt with honey drizzle

Day 72 – Tuesday

- **Breakfast:** Oatmeal with dried figs and sunflower seeds

Day 73 – Wednesday

- **Breakfast:** Yogurt with dates and almonds
- **Lunch:** Hummus and roasted eggplant wrap

- *Side:* Beet and parsley salad
- **Dinner:** Grilled salmon with barley and spinach
 - *Side:* Steamed cauliflower
- **Dessert:** Apple slices with tahini

Day 74 – Thursday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with fresh peaches
- **Lunch:** Chickpea tabbouleh
 - *Side:* Cucumber and mint yogurt dip
- **Dinner:** Stuffed eggplant with tomatoes and quinoa
 - *Side:* Sautéed greens
- **Dessert:** Melon cubes and berries

Day 75 – Friday

- **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs with cherry tomatoes and herbs
- **Lunch:** Tuna and olive salad
 - *Side:* Pita toast
- **Dinner:** Grilled turkey with farro and peas

- *Side:* Steamed carrots
- **Dessert:** Yogurt with orange zest

Day 76 – Saturday

- **Breakfast:** Smoothie with banana, oats, and almond milk
- **Lunch:** Roasted vegetable grain bowl
 - *Side:* Lemon tahini dressing
- **Dinner:** Baked shrimp with garlic and zucchini
 - *Side:* Couscous
- **Dessert:** Figs and walnuts

Day 77 – Sunday

- **Breakfast:** Spinach and feta omelet
- **Lunch:** Chickpea and sweet potato salad
 - *Side:* Tzatziki dip
- **Dinner:** Grilled chicken with brown rice and green beans
 - *Side:* Tomato wedges
- **Dessert:** Baked apple slices with cinnamon

Week 12

Day 78 – Monday

- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt with berries and flax
- **Lunch:** Lentil and vegetable soup
 - *Side:* Whole grain toast
- **Dinner:** Grilled salmon with lemon and dill

- *Side:* Couscous and broccoli
- **Dessert:** Pear slices with walnuts

Day 79 – Tuesday

- **Breakfast:** Oatmeal with almonds and banana

- **Lunch:** White bean and arugula salad
 - *Side:* Tomato and cucumber slices
- **Dinner:** Turkey stew with potatoes and greens
 - *Side:* Bulgur
- **Dessert:** Baked figs with honey
- **Lunch:** Lentil salad with feta and spinach
 - *Side:* Whole wheat pita
- **Dinner:** Roasted turkey breast with brown rice
 - *Side:* Roasted carrots
- **Dessert:** Yogurt with ground flaxseed

Day 80 – Wednesday

- **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs with spinach
- **Lunch:** Chickpea and roasted pepper wrap
 - *Side:* Tabbouleh
- **Dinner:** Baked cod with lentils and tomato
 - *Side:* Sautéed greens
- **Dessert:** Greek yogurt with apricot jam

Day 81 – Thursday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with pineapple
- **Lunch:** Tuna and bean bowl with lemon vinaigrette
 - *Side:* Cucumber slices
- **Dinner:** Grilled eggplant and tomato stew
 - *Side:* Farro with herbs
- **Dessert:** Fruit salad with mint

Day 82 – Friday

- **Breakfast:** Barley porridge with dates and cinnamon

Day 83 – Saturday

- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt with apples and sunflower seeds
- **Lunch:** Falafel wrap with tomato and lettuce
 - *Side:* Hummus dip
- **Dinner:** Baked salmon with lemon sauce
 - *Side:* Bulgur and grilled zucchini
- **Dessert:** Apple slices with almond butter

Day 84 – Sunday

- **Breakfast:** Spinach and tomato omelet
- **Lunch:** Chickpea tabbouleh with olives
 - *Side:* Yogurt cucumber dip
- **Dinner:** Stuffed zucchini with herbed quinoa
 - *Side:* Steamed broccoli
- **Dessert:** Baked pear with cinnamon

Week 13

Day 85 – Monday

- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt with chia and strawberries
- **Lunch:** Lentil salad with lemon and herbs
 - *Side:* Pita chips
- **Dinner:** Grilled trout with wild rice
 - *Side:* Steamed kale
- **Dessert:** Fig bites

Day 86 – Tuesday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with grapes and oats
- **Lunch:** Chickpea and avocado bowl
 - *Side:* Cucumber salad
- **Dinner:** Grilled chicken with bulgur pilaf
 - *Side:* Roasted eggplant
- **Dessert:** Yogurt with cinnamon

Day 87 – Wednesday

- **Breakfast:** Oatmeal with dried apricots
- **Lunch:** Tuna and arugula salad
 - *Side:* Whole grain toast
- **Dinner:** Baked shrimp with spinach and couscous
 - *Side:* Steamed zucchini
- **Dessert:** Melon slices

Day 88 – Thursday

- **Breakfast:** Smoothie with banana, spinach, and almond milk
- **Lunch:** Lentil and vegetable wrap
 - *Side:* Tomato slices
- **Dinner:** Grilled turkey with brown rice and sautéed greens
 - *Side:* Roasted peppers
- **Dessert:** Roasted apple slices

Day 89 – Friday

- **Breakfast:** Yogurt with walnuts and pomegranate
- **Lunch:** Chickpea stew with lemon
 - *Side:* Arugula salad
- **Dinner:** Baked salmon with farro and herbs
 - *Side:* Steamed broccoli
- **Dessert:** Baked pear

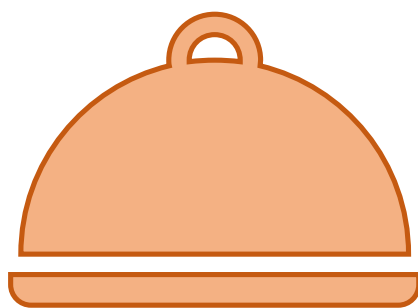
Day 90 – Saturday

- **Breakfast:** Spinach omelet with toast
- **Lunch:** Avocado and bean bowl
 - *Side:* Yogurt
- **Dinner:** Grilled cod with quinoa and roasted zucchini
 - *Side:* Tomato wedges
- **Dessert:** Fig and almond clusters

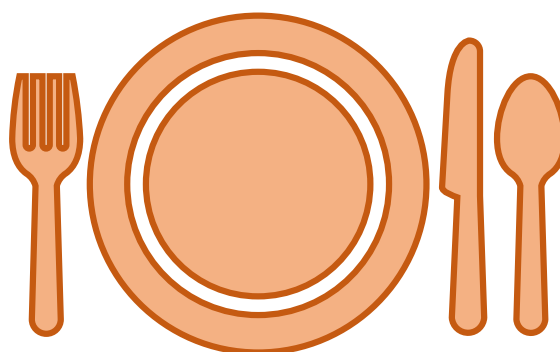
Day 91 – Sunday

- **Breakfast:** Cottage cheese with blueberries
- **Lunch:** Falafel with tabbouleh and yogurt dip
 - *Side:* Sliced cucumbers
- **Dinner:** Mediterranean chicken stew
 - *Side:* Brown rice
- **Dessert:** Baked apple and cinnamon





Part 4: Resources & Extras



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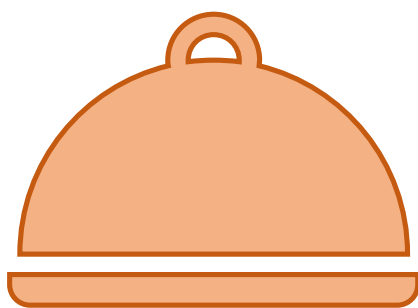
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Optional Tools & Apps for Meal Planning

- **Cronometer** – For nutrient tracking and micronutrient adequacy
<https://www.cronometer.com>
- **Eat This Much** – Automatic meal planner based on diet preferences
<https://www.eatthismuch.com>
- **MyNetDiary** – Senior-friendly nutrition and health tracker
<https://www.mynetdiary.com>
- **Oldways Mediterranean Diet Toolkit** – Educational and planning resources
<https://oldwayspt.org>





Thank You

